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Description

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1923 and 1928-1931. They consist mainly of correspondence from Madeleine Edison to her parents, Thomas A. and Mina Miller Edison. Some of the letters were written by Madeleine's husband John Eyre Sloane. The letters discuss Madeleine's social and civic activities, as well as the birth and upbringing of her four children. Several letters from 1929 mention Madeleine's gallbladder surgery and recovery. The correspondence contains numerous references to Thomas Edison's health, travel, and celebrity. There are also comments concerning Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey, and Seminole Lodge, the family's winter home in Fort Myers, Florida.

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[F5D12AA], Letter from George Frederick Kunz to Madeleine Edison, John Eyre Sloane, March 3rd, 1923

Title
[F5D12AA], Letter from George Frederick Kunz to Madeleine Edison, John Eyre Sloane, March 3rd, 1923

Author
Kunz, George Frederick

Recipient

- Edison, Madeleine
- Sloane, John Eyre

Mentioned
Sloane, Peter Edison

Date
1923-03-03

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values

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Six hundred and one Cathedral Parkway

Copy

New York City, March 3, 1923.

Mrs. John Sloan,
Orange Memorial Hospital,
Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sloan:

I congratulate you on the arrival of what I understand is a beautiful, happy boy who is welcomed by all his relatives.

As one who was in ~~Washington~~ Glenmount at the momentous time, may I take the liberty of sending you a small spoon for the child whose name is ? .

March 2nd is St. Chad's day, named for an early missionary. You will find the sign of the Zodiac and the clock giving the time which, when I know the minute, I will be glad to have engraved as well as the name when the spoon is returned with it.

I wish that he will bring you all much happiness and hope that he will grow up as good a man as his father and grandfathers.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

George F. Kunz,

Spoon and original letter sent to Memorial Hospital by messenger

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[F5D12AA1], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 22nd, 1928

Title

[F5D12AA1], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 22nd, 1928

Editor's Notes

Supplied year, month, and day

Author

Edison, Madeleine

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Von Hofe, Frederick H
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Atkinson, George
- Humphrey, Lucius Daniel
- Bradshaw, Lena Patterson (Mrs John H.)
- Philadelphia Orchestra
- Yardley, Margaret Tufts Swan
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Brown, Mary Spalding (Mrs William Thayer)
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Halgrim, Robert C

Date

1928-04-22

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values
- Labor
- Health and medicine

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It was grand to have a real letter from you the other day. I'll have to have it framed I guess. Willie. is sailing home the 19th of May and I have to see about getting another governess. She has certainly been a great comfort to me this time.

Lots of love Mother darling. and Father too.

Madeline.

[APRIL 22, 1928]

Darling Mother:

This is a nice rainy Sunday morning and I'm sure will have a restful day with the three children and the dog. It has been quite inexcusably cold for this season and the lovely weather we had Easter made this seem worse. However I suppose the warm weather will come soon enough.

Last week was a pretty full one & this week promises to be more so. Monday Anne & I went down to the Duke place in Sommerville after trees. We took Atkinson and went in her car and I was just breathing sighs of satisfaction at not having to do the driving when the car suddenly began making the most fiendish noise and we had to put it away in a nearby garage and wait for hours until another car came out from the laboratory to the rescue. That put us all out for the day so that we had no lunch and got back to our house about four o'clock - just in time for me to be able to drive to Morristown for an appointment at

Mrs. Macy's"! I felt that I had seen quite a little of the back country of Jersey that day. Anne got about 16 trees and I got six nice little Douglass firs for blocking out some of that row of houses. We have to go somewhat slower on our planting because you can't build a house and plant too.

Tuesday night was the last Philadelphia Concert and I had the box. Invited Mrs. Brown & Irene and Dr. & Mrs. Bradshaw and Lucius. Both the Browns & the Bradshaws have asked us for several things and I thought it was time to reciprocate - We went up to Lucius' apartment for cocktails and then had a very nice dinner at the Plaza and then on to the concert - We missed almost all of the first half, worse luck, but did get there in time to hear a little Schumann - The next half of the program was the most awful modern frightfulness by Stravinsky - It was very well done according to next day's critics but it was pretty terrible to listen to - though as Irene pointed out it is an experience to hear such a thing. The party all seemed to have a good time - I got a most gushing letter from Mrs. Bradshaw afterwards.

Wednesday night we had Theodore and Anne here to dinner & then went down to Newark to see "Broadway" - Theodore said we absolutely must not miss it -

They were going for Theodore's third view of the performance. Well there certainly is something the matter with my point of view - I thought it was a perfectly childish play and how anybody could sit through it three times is beyond me - The only thing that relieved the boredom was a good murder. I guess I must be getting old.

Thursday I took the whole family (except John) down to Dr. von Hofe's office to be thoroughly gone over from all points of the compass. They all seem to be hale + hearty - only a few minor things to be attended to. Ted, he says, has a splendid torso and he thinks will be very strong. Baby has a bit too much stimulation and he thinks camp would be a good solution for the older boys. especially Jack - So that Peter would have a little less excitement in the home. Jack swears he will not go to camp and I am wondering if perhaps I could arrange to send him up with Bob Halgrim for a month. I am going to write Bob and find out. It would be a good thing I think to give Ted + Jack some relief from each other.

Harriet Yardley gave a small tea party for a cousin of Marie Cozzens who is at present occupying Florence's house in the Park while Florence + Tom are abroad. I was taking care of Peter that afternoon + she said to bring him along so I did and he behaved like an absolute angel. I never saw anybody of his age so quiet and the ladies were charmed.

Friday Mr. Gallimore came out and that night there was a dinner party and two balls. Gladys Firth and Penelope Summerwell gave a dinner party together and very kindly invited us. There was a dance at Rock Spring too - so we stayed there till eleven and had a fine time - then decided we would have to put in an appearance at the other dance at the Lawn Tennis Club which the combined Kelsey families were giving. That I thought was a horrid party and I wished we were back at Rock Spring. The music however was wonderful and the whole party must have cost the mint. I think they must have their social debts paid for years to come.

Saturday was Jack's birthday and that of course was the grand climax of a hectic week, not that anything very much happened but the excitement was intense. Your letters arrived on the dot and telegram was much appreciated which brought the gold piece so all was a success —

The party unfortunately has to hold over till next Saturday —

I am feeling fine again so don't worry about my overdoing.

By the way Lena is sick - I think simply tired out with shock and the hard trip and ordeal at the end. She had a hard cold which has settled on her chest. I think it would be a good thing for her if she could go back to

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Title
[F5D12AA2] Letter, 1928-1929

Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Niles, Walter Lindsay
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Parker, Dr
- Cox, Dora Harris (Mrs Douglas F)
- Barrett, Mary McGuckin
- Walker, Lily
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Nichols, Marian
- Howe, Hubert Shattuck
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Jenkins, Harriet Mullett, (Mrs Farnham Yardley)

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

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- Health and medicine

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Darling mother -

Just a line as to latest developments. Called up Marian as, to Dr. Lambert and learned he is a specialist on some kind of extra fine pneumonia that Uncle Will had - so he wouldn't be very much good in my case. Dr. Walter Niles seems to be the one most useful - though Carolyn of course thinks there is nobody like Dr. Howe - It doesn't seem to me that Dr. Howe has done such a frightful lot for them though - except to send them in to expensive sanatariums where I wouldn't go on a bet.

Dr. Parker I think is more than half

leaning towards my theory of pure nerves as the cause of this manifestation. He gave me every test known to man and some unknown, and can't seem to find much that is organically wrong. My blood pressure is grand – 120 I think he said – my lungs & heart are excellent – everything seems to be in pretty good shape in short – and he can't feel any enlargement of the gall bladder even. The Xrays were not satisfactory to anybody – The plan now is for me to go to Dr. Niles for a check up and see what he says. I'll probably wait till next week – and if he isn't perfectly satisfactory I'll go somewhere else. You may rest assured that there will be no unnecessary operation as the prospect does not appeal enough. However if they all say it is necessary then I want to have it over with at once.

I feel stronger all the time but am taking things very quietly and not doing anything – I don't feel as if I had much starch so to speak and it may take time to get it back. I've lost ten pounds which consoles me for almost anything. The maids are very sympathetic and taking marvellous care of me and – Ted especially will not let me lift a finger. He has really been quite worried I think.

Everybody around has been in to see me – Mrs. Merck and Harriet Yardley – Lily – Dora Cox & Edith – Anna – Florence and of course Jess & Mary Barrett, so I haven't been too lonely - Thank goodness they did come for I was bored to tears and the nurse I had was a terrible moron - though fine with the children - We are getting the Tillou Road house cleaned up as people are looking at it and it was quite time it was put in order. Hope we can sell it this Spring.

I won't write any more as Peter will be home in a minute & Dyer can mail this.

Lots of love and don't worry because I'm getting along all right -

Madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Times
- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Adelaide Kernan (Mrs Charles O.)
- Town and Country
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Fraser, James Earl

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Visual arts
- Health and medicine

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January 20 1929

Darling mother -

Probably you think I have paralysis of the writing arm or something but I have just been busy with lots of writing to do on other things. I don't know just where to begin to catch up with you. First about the Frasers. I don't quite understand what it is you want me to ask them. Is this a separate thing you are having done for yourself or has it anything to do with the commission for Dearborn? and do you want me to find out if they could come down there along about March 1st and work along at the same time as the other sculptor? I don't understand about finding out about price etc. as this is the first I knew of the project. Will you be more explicit?

Jack has a cold. nothing serious. but we are keeping him in bed and having him osteopathed.

John's old friend, Addison Van Tine and his very attractive wife spent the weekend with us and Saturday night we had a dinner for them here and played bridge afterwards. As nobody went home until about one o'clock I guess it was a successful party. Adelaide had some people in informally to tea next day for them and altogether it went off without too much effort.

John goes to Detroit to-morrow for a couple of days - I hope he'll be back Friday at the latest. Saturday we are taking ~~[illegible]~~ ten small boys to see Gillette in "Sherlock Holmes" down in Newark.

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Ted and Jack are each inviting four friends.

Last Saturday we took them to the motor boat show which was a great disappointment to Ted because there were not nearly enough racing models to suit him – but we met one of the most famous motor boat racing drivers in The country which ought to have helped

The pictures of our house with an article on same are coming out in the next issue of "Town and Country" – In March "Charm" is publishing them with an article by me – unless they decide not to Take it when they see it —

Everyone is talking about your interview in the American. I haven't seen it yet but am getting a copy to-morrow. Did you see the editorial on it in this morning's Times? I never send you those things because I think you get them all and don't want to complicate your mail any more than it is already.

This is just a scribble to let you know we're alive –

I'll write more later – lots & lots of love to you all –

Madeleine

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[F5D12AC], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 31st, 1929

Title

[F5D12AC], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, January 31st, 1929

Author

Edison, Madeleine

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Vincent, Louise Palmer (Mrs George E.)
- Anderson, Alice Mary (Allamaidy)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date

1929-01-31

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Theater
- Health and safety
- Health and medicine
- Construction

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January 31-1929.

Darling Mother + Father -

Uncle + Florence came up to dinner before Dr. Vincent's lecture Tuesday night and showed us the snap shots of the place which certainly do look grand. I am so glad it all came out so nicely and you are satisfied and comfortable.

We asked Dr. and Mrs. Vincent to dinner but he said he had already refused one invitation (Mrs. Brown's) and that he never ate before his lectures as the excitement of talking at a dinner beforehand took it out of him too much.

He gave a corking lecture as usual on the inspiring subject of "yellow fever" - It really was inspiring as he handled it. We went around back to speak to him afterward and he said he would be delighted to come out to dine with us some other time when he wasn't lecturing - Do you suppose we dare ask him? Mrs. Vincent and Elizabeth are about to depart on a trip to Yucatan and Mexico City.

Mother Sloane had rather a nasty carriage accident at Aiken. You know she went at the last minute in my place. It seems they were driving - she and Allamaidy - following a hunt and got ditched or something. The buggy turned over and mother Sloane was thrown out while Allamaidy landed on top of her. She has cracked a small vertebra in her neck and torn all the ligaments. They think it will heal allright and don't call it dangerous - but it is very painful and she can't sleep except flat on her back - Also her diabetes is bad again and she has to go up to Summit or somewhere for observation for ten days. Altogether she is feeling pretty punk and John is simply sunk on account of it. We are going over there for dinner to-night -

Jack has recovered and is back at school though he has a little cough still. We've been having very cold but rather bracing weather and to me it's been a relief from the varying temperatures we were rejoicing in.

Things here at the house are slowly progressing. I finally ordered some covering for the chairs and my curtains + rods are ~~[illegible]~~ at last being made. I begin to see daylight I think - though there will considerable time elapse before its all together even now.

We were all set to have a play in March but so many of the men were so deeply involved in business cares that we postponed it indefinitely. I am a little disappointed, and not a little relieved. It would have been interesting but I have plenty to do without it and I think it's much better not to have it if it's any strain on anybody. We had such a good time out of it last time it would be a pity to spoil it. Charles still seems to be working like a stevedore but thinks the worst will be over in about ten days. They didn't go down to the lecture but Theodore and Anne and Cousin Edith were there -

Much love to you both.

Madeline.

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[F5D12AD], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 14th, 1929

Title

[F5D12AD], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Thomas Alva Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 14th, 1929

Author

Edison, Madeleine

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Sloane, Thomas O'Conor
- Sloane, Adelaide Kernan (Mrs Charles O.)
- Llewellyn Park (N.J.). Board of Managers
- Edison Pioneers
- Garden Club of the Oranges
- Baker, Bryant
- Horsey, Henry
- Chubb, Alice Lee (Mrs Hendon)
- Cox, Dora Harris (Mrs Douglas F)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Kahn, Otto Herman
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Ford (Henry) Museum
- Howe, Hubert Shattuck
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Rogers, Will
- Chubb, Hendon
- Cox, Douglas Farley

Date
1929-02-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Visual arts
- Management (companies and organizations)
- Health and medicine
- Wireless and radio

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Llewellyn Park
Feb. 14, 1929.

Darling Mother and Father:

Your radio party was a great success the other evening and it made me quite homesick to listen to Father sounding so natural a thousand or so miles away! He is getting to be quite an after dinner speech maker I think and I liked what he said and how he said it. Jack and I listened in at home and we called in the maids when Father went on — to their intense excitement. John missed it as he had to go to a Park meeting. They have made him one of the board of managers of the Park and as it was the first meeting he had to go. Ted was at a banquet his camp was giving at the Y.M.C.A. — and Peter was asleep.

I did not go to the Edison Pioneers luncheon this year so cannot tell you about that. I hear from Florence that it was a rather gloomy occasion because of the evidences of increasing age in the membership.

In the afternoon I was invited to meet Will Rogers and Ruth Draper at the Rehearsal Club but did not go to that either.

Last night we gave a dinner for ten here at the house. We had the Chubbs — the Walkers, the Cox's and the Fords. All of whom have entertained us. Henry came & helped at the table and it all went off very well. There was a very elaborate party at Rock Spring to which we intended to take the dinner guests afterward but nobody seemed to care about going and apparently preferred sitting around the fire so we didn't get there.

Saturday night Emmy Reynolds is giving a dinner and one of the chief guests is Bryant Baker an English sculptor who is one of those figuring on doing the statue of Father for the Ford museum - I'm to sit next to him I believe so I'll let you know if he's going to be an asset - provided he gets the commission.

I'm awfully sorry I didn't answer your telegram about Peter. It seems to be hard for me to get around to doing anything lately. Cousin E. said she couldn't possibly get ready and I couldn't either really. Also I'd forgotten completely about his possible absence and had engaged Major Dawley and his puppets to come and give a demonstration on Peter's birthday, so I want to wait till after that.

We have accomodations for March 22. and returning I think April 8. I am not sure whether John will think he can go or not but at any rate his berth is reserved. I think it would do him lots of good. I certainly wish Charles and Carolyn could get down there. They don't seem to think it will be possible - -

Interrupted here. To continue. I was talking to Carolyn on the phone to-day and it seems Dr. Howe recommends strongly that they go down after these tests and things are over. Charles thinks he can't go till Theodore comes back and nobody knows when that is likely to happen - I think Father should command his presence or something. He might just as well had to go to Baltimore so I went up when She had to go and am thankful I did for a drearier hole I've never seen. It is Otto Kahn's old place and it has been let go to seed very thoroughly. The doctor in charge is supposed to be the best in the country with one exception, on diabetes etc. but Such a place. They say they have a lot of trouble with patients being depressed and I must say I dont wonder. She is doing very well and has reduced her sugar count to ½ what she had when she started. Her neck is 0.15. – She says of course these doctors are not at all interested in that – all they care about is her caloric content. All the doctors + nurses except the head one are Austrians and speak broken English.

leave the business entirely now instead of being thoroughly sick and having to leave it for a longer time.

Mother Sloane is getting along well. Did I tell you she had to go to Morristown to a Sanitarium to be under observation on account of diabetes? Luckily Adelaide, who is always on the job – went up with her to look it over and came home shocked at the looks of the place and the frightful room Mother Sloane was to have. She telephoned me and we decided it simply couldn't be done and we'd pay for a better room between us. Whereupon Father Sloane began to see the light and got her a better room himself. Adelaide

Mother Sloane certainly is a sport if ever there was one. We try to go up often and other people drop in so I hope it won't be so bad and that she will soon be able to get home. I took up some plants from the green house the first day + some flowers and they certainly did a lot to make the first horrors more endurable. Thanks for the grapefruit and oranges which arrived. The children seem to get away with them very fast so I am keeping most of them and very thankfully. House is gradually getting more and more straightened out. A few curtains have actually been decided on but I'm in a state where I don't know yellow from pink and have decided I just better not buy anything for awhile - till I get out of it down South and can train a fresh eye on things. There is not much more news. I am staying home To-day resting - and working a little on the model for the flower show.

Lots of love to you both.

Madeline.

The children - (all generations) were delighted with the valentine. I have done something dreadful Jack gave me a valentine for you to be addressed and I haven't the slightest idea what became of it. Please don't give me away or I shall certainly be slain in my tracks!

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Baker, Bryant
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Fraser, James Earl
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Travel (TAE and family)
- Visual arts
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February 21 - 1929.

Darling mother:

We are now rejoicing in a case of chicken pox - I came home from Town yesterday to find Ted not feeling well and rejoicing in a number of little red spots - which on further investigation I recognized immediately - Jack you know had it some time ago and neither of the others got it - so now apparently it's their turn - This makes it particularly pleasant as the period of incubation is ten days so

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if Peter gets it from Ted it will bring it right at his birthday and also right at the time I had planned to send him South - I hope to heavens he comes down before the ten days or not at all - It isn't in the least serious of course but is annoying dog gone it. By the way Cousin Edith says she has heard nothing from you regarding her coming down there and of course would not consider going unless she does hear further - What about it? Would you rather we just brought Peter along with us for the two weeks we are planning to stay? I rather hope John will be able to come with us and we all have accomodations for March 22 - landing us at Fort Myers on Sunday morning - and have taken them for the return trip on April 6 – landing here April 8. That gives us Easter Sunday with you and a week (barely) on each side. It isn't much but it all we can really manage on account of school – especially as Ted will be out two weeks now. If you'd rather we can just bring Peter down there as we have enough room provided John goes. Charles thinks he can't go down yet – in fact I guess he isn't really in shape to go as he's going through various treatments and I don't think we ought all to land on you at the same time which it looks to me might happen – though we had planned so carefully not to. Perhaps however Charles would be ready to go before the 22 – he certainly should be made to go if only Father and he won't talk business continuously – but if they do get off – how about Cousin Edith? Please advise.

Aunt Mary had invited me to lunch to-day and I had invited her to go to the Theatre Guild to see the new O'Neil play "Dynamo" – I never have any luck on giving or receiving parties with Aunt Mary and of course I didn't feel like leaving Ted to-day so this was no exception to the rule. I sent her my regrets and my tickets and she is taking some one else in yours and my place. Also had a date to go to dinner with the Chalmers and called that off – there is almost a blizzard raging outside and their two children are in bed with colds so all in all we thought it was too much to attempt though I was going to try it as they sail for Europe on the 1st of March and it's almost our wondered if he is there.

2nd Do you know if Mr. Ford has decided on his sculptor for Father's Statue and if so - who is it? I told you I expected to meet Bryant Baker who is one of the bidders - Well I did and he seems very competent and is really an extremely nice man - I took a trip to Brooklyn to see his statue of the "Pioneer Mother" - which is on its way to Oklahoma - He has won two competitions for these statues. I remember seeing one of his small models and thinking it was too "pretty" but he has changed it since then and it is now a very interesting group. I am wondering if he will get the order

last chance of seeing them. I certainly dread the next few weeks. It is one grand hodge podge of birthdays - Flower Show - Concerts - and now chicken pox!! I haven't got any clothes for Peter if he does go South - Expected to spend this morning shopping for those. However I suppose I'll get through it somehow. Two or three questions I would like to have an answer to.

Is Bob Halgrim in Fort Myers or is he expected shortly? If this European trip pans out suddenly - I may have to wire him to know if he can and will sail when we can get passage - and I'll have to know promptly. He expected at Christmas to go South in February and I from Mr. Ford Ed would very much like to know. Does Mr. Ford realize I wonder that if he wants the statue ready in October it has to be begun within the next month or so - that is portrait sketches etc. made? Mr. Baker has been two years making the Pioneer Mother but of course that is an enormous thing. It takes an awfully long time to cast them in bronze after they are finished by the sculptor and I don't think people realize this. Mr. Baker seems to be a friend of Mr. Fraser.

I wrote Mrs. Ford at the request of our Garden Club President - (Lily) to ask if she would give us a speech on the work of the Farm and Garden Association. I took a chance on her being at Fort Myers as she should be there according to the newspapers.

Ted is awake now so I'd better go up and be with him.

I was about to indulge in some tickets for the Belgian Band when along came a whole lot from you. Thanks ever and ever so much - They should be wonderful from all I hear. Our concert is going rather slowly I grieve to state. We are handing the populace something on a silver platter it seems to me but they simply don't know enough to take advantage of it.

Forgive my sloppy writing - I am hurrying.

Lots of love to you both.

Madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Sloane, Alice Mary, (Mrs Arthur Anderson)
- Niles, Walter Lindsay
- Parker, Dr
- Edison, Charles
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Nichols, Marian

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- TAE personality and character
- TAE opinions and prejudices
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April 15-1929.

Darling Mother and Father.

There isn't very much to report about your erring child – other than that she is getting stronger every day and that we are taking steps to find out the best people to get diagnoses from etc. John is calling up Marian – I take it you meant Marian Nichols to find out which of the dozen Dr. Lamberts you refer to. Dr. Walter Niles is also being looked up. He is a very fine diagnostician – has done quite a little work for Alice and heaven

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knows she has had enough of it to be done, and also the money to employ all the best Talent. Dr. Parker knows Dr. Niles and says there is nobody better. However will look up Dr. Lambert Too.

Now mother - the operation of course may not have to be done at all, and we will not proceed unless we are reasonably sure that its the thing to do - but _please_ if its got to be done - don't ask me to wait till fall - Just put yourself in my place for a minute and realize that while it does mean a couple of days ex_tra_ anxiety for you and I know that its hard to be so far away and all that and I wish it didn't need to be - you can't really in the last analysis be of much use to me when I'm under ether, whether you are in Florida or in the next room and putting it off till Fall just gives me a horrid summer of uncertainty and anticipation and a horrid winter when I won't be able to do anything. Having it over now I'll have the Summer to recover and it will be done. The other way means almost a year for me. It's awfully hard for me when you and Father keep saying don't do this. don't do that etc. and I don't

See, if you get the very best
opinions all around - but what
you've got to trust somebody.
Personally I think you would have
been lots better off if Father had consented.
to let you see some decent specialists
+ have an operation - and I think
he would be a lot better off for some
X rays - It stands to reason that
these men who spend their lives at
the thing must know something and
that there has been some advances
in medicine + surgery - and ~~Xrays~~ even -
You know how Father is and how
hard it is to do anything for him -
but you just back him up to the
limit when it's a case of somebody else. I don't think doctors are

infallible but then I don't think Father is either - and as I say if you get the best person there is in his line - all you can do is trust them - Of course I *might* die under ether - but then I might be lying in bed sometime & the plaster come down on my head - accidents will happen - and in any case everybody has to die sometime - and if living along nursing a sick gall bladder and feeling that I may have a worse attack any minute is to be the alternative - I much prefer taking a chance whatever the outcome. As a matter of fact it is one of the simplest operations and they do it all the time - So *please* don't

~~[illegible]~~ make it harder for me -
We will keep you advised and if the thing really has to be done we can keep in touch by telephone and you will know everything almost as soon as if you were here - Wasn't that a wonderful connection we had the other night? I could hear you as plainly as if you were at Glenmont.

We have been treated to a long series of gray days - five or six in a row with no sight of the sun - I wish it would come out so I could lie out on the terrace in a steamer chair.

You will be sorry to hear that Bertha Browning (Hunt) is in the memorial - Something is the matter with her eyes and I guess it's quite serious. The story is that they 2.472

Brownings made her get out of that house about three weeks after Fred Brownings' death and that she isn't provided for financially by anybody. Shock and strain are supposed to have brought about this condition but of course it may be something worse. Of course you can't judge people and the tales may not be true but it does seem like a pretty rotten way of acting on the part of the Brownings -

The children look perfectly blooming. I think their sojourn did them a lot of good - Peter got me the most beautiful necklace at the 10 cent store the other day as a consolation for being sick - he has also presented me with a duck but has requested it back when I have recovered.

Charles & Carolyn have been in a couple of times - Their house is actually showing some wall - and they are getting very busy over it. Carolyn says she stays up there most of the time. I don't think I am going to like their stone work much though it may look better as it goes on. Don't tell them I said so - but I think it's going to give a very cold, dark effect and I don't like the way it's laid. However there's very little to go on as yet.

Anne escorted the children to Alice's circus party Saturday in my place. They all seem to have had a grand time. Alice had about twenty - (nieces + nephews + appendages) to lunch and then took them in a bus to the circus. It was Peter's first and we have had a continuous performance since. Teddy says it's funny what the circus does to some people!

Please don't worry about me any more than you have to mother dear and remember will keep in touch with you and will not rush into things without plenty of thought – meanwhile won't you please try to get a little sleep in the middle of the day? Take off your clothes & regularly go to bed while Father is providing his own amusement in the laboratory. *Please* do it.

Lots of love to you both from us all –

Daughter.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Niles, Walter Lindsay
- Humphrey, Lucius Daniel
- Miller, John Vincent
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

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April 23, 1929.

Darling mother:

Well I went in, and I saw Dr. Miles and I don't know much more (than I did before except that he doesn't seem to think I need an immediate operation, if any. However he wants me to go in next week and stay four days – at Miss Schillingers preferably, and take a lot of tests – etc. Miss Schillinger being one place I always hoped to keep out of – this does not give me a vast amount of cheer, and we are finding out if the tests – etc. are such that I could not stay at a hotel instead. Alice has asked me to stay at her house but she isn't well herself and I don't think my presence would be such a tremendous asset at the moment – and I'd feel more independent at a hotel anyway – after all these things are done to me they certainly ought to know something – Thank you mother dearie for your offer of the room at the Plaza – You can give it to me for four days if you like but just now the one place I feel like staying is at home. The children don't bother me and I haven't much desire to galivant around trying to amuse myself. and without that desire New York seems a total loss.

I am awfully glad you have been having cool weather. The longer it keeps up is so much pure gain for you. June 12 also sounds better than the 20th. Do keep up the good work.

Lucius telephoned us on his way from California to Europe and John and I had lunch with him Monday. He looks fine and is en route back to Cannes - taking his California patient along. Such is life for the Consummate Psychologist! He says Bogie is having a bad time with the Belgian Band and is in a very bad state of nerves. I would like to see at least three people in the pink of condition mentally and physically just at present. It seems to me about everybody is on the ragged edge - or just over it.

Uncle John came up for a moment this morning. He seemed very well but Florence says he is awfully tired. I think you and Unc should take a trip together this summer.

I'm going to cut this short because I've got another note to write and want to get both off - I thought you would want to know about the diagnosis and prognosis. I don't think Dr. Niles altogether subscribes to my theory that it is all nerves - but I bet it is just the same. lots of love. Madeleine

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Author
Niles, Walter Lindsay

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Pool, Eugene Hillhouse
- Edison, Madeleine
- Sloane, John Eyre

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WALTER L. NILES, M.D.
DAN H. WITT, M.D.
893 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 14th, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Fla.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

Your daughter, Mrs. John E. Sloane, has recently consulted me and yesterday I presented my conclusions to her and to Mr. Sloane. I secured further x-ray examinations and from her history, physical examination and the x-rays, have concluded that she is suffering with a chronic inflammation of her gall bladder, which probably contains gall stones, and I believe that her appendix is also chronically inflammed.

It is the best medical opinion of the day that in such cases the best interests of the patient are served by removing the gall bladder and the appendix, and I have advised Mr. and Mrs. Sloane to have her operated upon in the near future. It is possible that Mrs. Sloane may get along for months, or even several years, without further attacks of pain, but the condition is impairing her health and I believe that she will not be well until she is operated upon.

In such cases I always believe in having more than one opinion and have therefore arranged for her to see Dr. Eugene H. Pool, who is one of the leading surgeons in New York. I am writing this at the request of Mrs. Sloane.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter Niles

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Pool, Eugene Hillhouse
- Sloane, John Eyre

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THE HARBOR
667 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 31 - 1939 -

Darling Mother and Father -

This being my own private "Mother's Day" - I take my pen in hand to hope that you are feeling as chipper as the writer - although possibly without such assets as a little rubber tubing in the tummy! -

My stitches have all been taken out and I haven't had any drugs to make me sleep and altogether I'm

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the hospital's model patient -

Of course I'm afraid that the Good Lord is thinking about King George or some other old boy with rheumatism instead of me as He has made this current birthday one of the hottest in history. Thank goodness my room is on this side of the hospital and I do get such breeze as is going but I'm so thankful this spell of weather didn't happen last week. It was what I was dreading.

Your flowers have been simply marvellous!! The big basket was a wonder and the red roses + iris were lovely - Mrs. Chadwick and Miss Stadler each sent me a box of lovely flowers - Mrs. Wilson (nurse) acknowledged them but you might tell them how much I appreciated their kindness and thought. Everybody has been very good to me - in fact - Some quite unexpectedly, and it certainly does make a difference to have flowers in the room -

I have had no visitors yet - I think, to Mrs. Wilson's secret joy. She apparently doesn't believe in the species. My only social contact is when the Doctor comes to do the dressing. Fortunately he looks like a Distinguished British peer so that is some consolation.

John and the boys seem to be fine and the children all spoke to me over the phone last night. They wished me "Many Happy Returns of to-morrow" but as Jack remarked gloomily - "Tomorrow never comes" - Probably he's feeling the heat too.

Every time Dr. Pool finishes my Dressing he remarks to himself sweetly: "Thank you, Doctor" So in view of what this day has meant to me - first and last and for all the lovely things you've done as the years rolled by one by one I'll just end this up with a whole heartful of love and "Thank you Parents" -

Daughter.

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Author
Sloane, John Eyre

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

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My dear Mother Edison —

Madeleine has been doing very well as far as the wound and general recovery are concerned. After the hot weather she had an attack of indigestion - vomiting - that hurt her a good deal and this morning she has had a slight indisposition too. The doctor gave her an injection for both of them but otherwise she has not been having any dope. They say that it has been possible to stop injections with her much sooner than with most people. The present program is for her to sit up Friday and they hope that she will be able to come home either the 12th or 14th - Personally I believe she will be feeling very limp for some time. The doctor wants her to be absolutely quiet for two months from the operation date and then he says she will be O.K. It certainly has not been any fun.

The children have been fine - their conduct and health except for Peter's poison ivy. I certainly wish there was a real cure for that. 2-476

At home everything has been running smoothly. With the change of weather I picked up a nasty cold that has tried to settle in my sinus but now it is on the wane as I took a lot of bicarb etc yesterday and last night seemed to do it a lot of good.

School finishes today. The teachers tell me that all three boys are fine at their work and seem to be very pleased to have them there. Ted graduates into the upper school and his examination marks were Geography 95 - Latin 90 History 97 English 85 Arithmatic 95. An awfully good showing I think for our oldest little dumbbell! Tomorrow his class has some exercise at the Montclair Museum and he has to recite a piece called "A new boy at Montclair". He and another new boy composed it. It is too bad you won't be there. He will be all dolled up within an inch of his life - long white trousers - blue blazer - shining face and slicked down hair! Unfortunately Madeleine has to miss it too.

The others of the family seem to be fine Chas. & Carolyn had a few days rest at Sunapee

Ted who has been working so hard on radios looked first rate the other day after they were all shipped out. I hear the new one is fine. Florence has been running a junior hospital but said they were out of the woods the last time I talked to her on the phone.

The roof is going on Charles house so you will get a very good idea of it when you return. Our place is looking better every day but we certainly have lots planting etc that we can do in the woods etc for some years to come. We find it very comfortable and it will have that restful quality that Madeleine always achieves in her work —

M. has enjoyed all the beautiful flowers you have sent her - They have all been so different and one more lovely than the next —

With much love from us all

John

June 5th 1929

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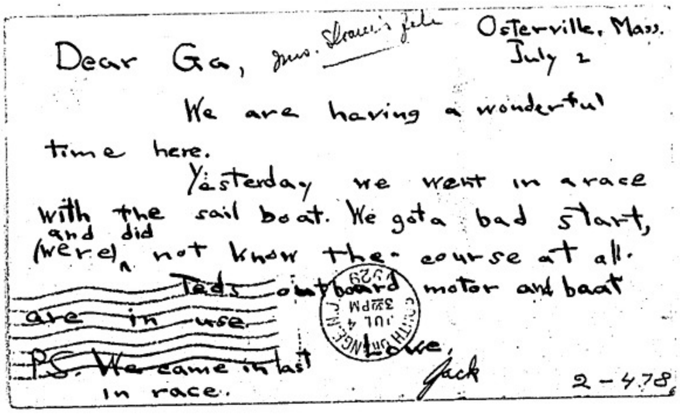

Osterville, Mass.
July 2

Dear Ga, Mrs. Strauss's file

We are having a wonderful time here.

Yesterday we went in a race with the sail boat. We got a bad start, ~~(were)~~ and did not know the course at all.

Teds outboard motor and boat are in use.

Love,
Jack

P.S. We came in last in race.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange
N.J.

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- New York Times
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- U.S. Agriculture Dept
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Mrs. Sloane's letters.

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Osterville - Mass.
July 29, 1929.

Darling Mother:

You probably think - if you've had time to think of me at all - that I have quit writing altogether but such is not the case although it is very hard to keep writing into the air as it were and getting absolutely no word from anybody in the family. Fortunately I have been able to follow you all pretty well in the newspapers - a method which may be said to

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lack the personal touch but which is at any rate better than nothing. Apparently Chautauqua was a fine party. I hope our telegram was all right. Did you see it? John wrote it and I thought it was a masterpiece. Did everything go off as well as you hoped? I read your speech in the Tribune and thought it was excellent. I didn't see the Times that day for which I was sorry as they carried a lot about the celebration and might have given a fuller report of the proceedings.

Now I see you are entertaining the White Hopes from the nation wide hook up of youthful geniuses. They will probably

all have such a gay time that none of them will be able
to pass any examination! I envy them the dinner on
the Roof garden of the Bossert Hotel in Brooklyn. It's a
place I've always wanted to go myself.

I do not think I ever have said thank you for that most
attractive dress you sent up to my great surprise and
delight. It just fits and those as have seen it seem to
think it is very becoming. Also thanks for the article
on poison ivy. John has sent for the pamphlet from
the Department of Agriculture:

Peter certainly does not look like a poison ivy subject
now. You never saw anything so brown - and he has taken
to diving off the big spring board to the astonishment of
everybody on the beach. It really is funny to see their
expressions as this tiny thing dives in and swims back
doing the crawl stroke - . Of course somebody always is
on hand to catch him if necessary.

The boys are getting fun out of the sailing. Their boat - a
rented one of course - has the most awful sails I ever saw
so they can't expect very brilliant results in racing. but they
are learning to sail and another year will be able to
do much better.

I am feeling better - Went over to the Bodells this afternoon
and stood the racket + confusion over there much better than
usual so I know I'm improving. At first I couldn't stand it
at all. Also went to a clam bake Helen (Dennis) Ewing gave
and survived that very pleasantly. I feel pretty strong but
am still nervous - However I notice a constant improvement in that
direction. Lots of love from us all - Madeline.

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Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Kunz, Opal Gilberson (Mrs George F.)
- Miller (Lewis) Centenary (1929)
- Sloane, John Eyre

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Health and medicine

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[ca July 1929]

file Mrs. Morrow

Osterville
Mass

Darling Mother and Father:

First I want to thank you for the gorgeous baskets of fruit which came yesterday and which we are enjoying "mouth-tongue-can-feel."

John and I took a motor ride up the Cape to-day and I got a better idea of the place or at least found some scenery more as I thought it

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would be. Right around us here it isn't very picturesque.

Have been following your doings in the paper - and am glad to see you christened Mr. Kung's plane safely - tho I don't think much of the name she gave it - why "Betsy Ross"?

John telephoned you when he was in Orange but found you had left for Chautauqua - Did you have to make a one night stand and then go out again for the Centenary?

It does not seem to me it would be very wise for me to try to make that trip for the celebration - what do you think? I feel as if I were not doing my duty as a member of the family but it would be quite a hard journey and then the receptions etc. I am afraid would be too much for me – though I hope to go up to Maine the last of August. That is no trip however from here and it is very quiet when you get there and besides it's a month off – What do you think about Chautauqua? Please advise.

So far as my feelings go I have almost forgotten I ever had an operation except that I get tired rather quicker than in my natural state. You probably wouldn't know me and I suppose I'll get fat again along with returning health.

You ought to see Peter swim! He is going to beat the older boys all hollow. I never saw anything like the way he gets through the water. They are all getting as brown as Indians and I think having a good time. Jack and Bob (Putnam) went out and watched the Senior Sailing Race from the Committee Boat this afternoon so as to get some pointers for racing. So far they have come in consistently last and they feel that some improvement is in order. It is almost chilly up here at night so I imagine the hot wave is ended in New York and I certainly hope so. John said it was terrific down there –

I'm going to bed early to-night on account of the motoring this afternoon – so I'll say good-night.

Lots of love Madeleine

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Tribune
- King, Mary Hopkins (Mrs Goodman)
- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Bodell, Joseph James
- King, Clarence Hopkins
- Sloane, John Eyre

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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August 12. [illegible].

Darling mother -

was terribly sorry to learn through Jack's letter that you've been in bed for a week - but considering all things I'm not much surprised - I do wish you'd try to take things easy just for a little while.

The two boys have been out in a sailing race which was almost called on account of darkness - There being no wind. They insist on sailing by themselves without the assistance of the tutor and they come in last every time but notwithstanding that they seem to like it better and I imagine they learn more. Sailing is too slow for Ted however who announces with fervor that he prefers the out board motor. There is a race of those to-morrow. and a big race for them next Saturday - to which Ted is going - with a mechanic !! We never expected to have a racing driver in the family but you never can tell. If he doesn't wreck the motor and drown himself - his mechanic will race the boat later in the professional class -

The Bodells have a most interesting man from St. Louis visiting them - by the name of Judge Taylor. He knows

Mr. King and Clarence was in his law office for five years or so. It is great fun to hear him talk - the other night it was about crime and the underworld in general - last night about international politics. The Bodells have very interesting people with them. I think the nature of Joe's business is such that he makes all these exciting contacts, and he is very well up on things himself.

We had a wonderful day Saturday when John was here. Drove way up to the tip end of the Cape - to Provincetown - where we had a picnic lunch. The children climbed the monument to the Pilgrim Fathers but John and I decided our day for climbing monuments was past. We went into the art exhibition and then to see a collection of ship models and maps - It was really a lovely day and even Peter seemed to get a great deal out of it and not be too tired.

I am going to make this a short letter because the children are departing for bed and I think I'll lock up and go up too - Thought the picture of the line-up of judges etc. was a fine one in the Tribune Sunday. I do hope the reporters don't pin the designation of "Brightest boy in America" on ~~that~~ poor Huston child for life - It's a terrible handicap to be known by that handle everywhere - His mother certainly looks delighted doesn't she. He is an awfully nice looking boy.

Ever so much love to you all — and do try to get rested!!

Madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Nancy
- Atkinson, George
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-12-10

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Theater
- Social customs, norms, values
- Labor

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Tuesday, Dec. 10, 19[illegible].

Darling Mother -

You probably think the gap bridged by my telegram was pretty big but it just seems as if 24 hours a day were not enough to get everything in and to write a letter you have to have at least comparative peace!

After we saw you off I went on into New York and to the Theatre Guild as you know. Dorothy Ford went with me and though the critics have roasted the play quite unmercifully we both

enjoyed it very much. It had a great deal of atmosphere (French Revolution period) and though the action wasn't violent I thought the whole thing most interesting.

Next night we went in town for dinner and Monday night Mrs. Garrison asked us over there. She had a Mr. + Mrs. Ray Dennis from Morristown and after dinner Mrs. Dennis sang. I have heard quite a little about them from the Chalmers who know them - It was quite pleasant and as Marion G. is about to depart on a two months' trip to California via Panama - it will probably be the last we see of her in some time. Lydia it seems was elected to represent her college - (What is it?) at some conference at Leland Stanford with all expenses paid so Marion thought it a golden opportunity to go along.

Yesterday I spent a hard day shopping in New York but did accomplish quite a

lot and got almost all your Christmas for the boys. with 3
about $25 in cash left for each. I am saving the bills etc –
and will let you know later in detail what I got.
To-night is the Kreisler concert and we are having the Wilkinsons
and Adams here for dinner. It will be the first time I've ever heard
Kreisler if Fate allows me to reach the concert hall –
The children are fine. Both older boys skating and Peter playing games
under Katharine's tutelage. She needed some extra money and Peter
some extra companionship so she comes and brings her baby and
it works like a charm. They also walk around the park and meet
other children but it was too cold to-day.
The house (Segmount, I mean) is being put away very nicely and ~~[illegible]~~ quite expeditiously
Atkinson is getting off some huge boxes of plants to you and working
hard on that. I am rejoiced to hear from your Telegram that
you are really spending some days in bed resting. It's the only
way. And I would recommend a good exciting novel to take
your mind off everything for fifteen or twenty minutes. Have you
read "Forever Free" – It's a good story and gives quite a
side light on Lincoln + family so you won't have to feel you
are wasting your time.. . I hope if Father wants a man
stenographer you'll have Miss Halley come anyhow for you
so your stuff won't pile up on you. I think that is what
tires you most of all – and if people will keep off you it would
be a gorgeous chance to get some of it off your mind. The
trouble with you is that you take on a new set of worries whenever
you go – and never get a chance to get through with the old ones. –
Expect to see everybody in Orange at the concert to-night and may be able
to tell you more interesting news in my next.
I found I can get the little bracelet for Nancy at Miss Meriels and have
ordered it. What did you want done with the baby's gold buckles which
were to have new ribbon put in?
Think I'll Telegraph you again to-night because this will take so long.
Everything is fine – Love you to pieces. madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Atkinson, George
- Ashley, George
- Horsey, Henry
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Halsey, George E
- Perine, Mary Elizabeth McCabe (Mrs John J.)
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Fraser, James Earl
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Malloy, Peter

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Visual arts
- Social customs, norms, values

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The Day after.

Darling mother.

Well the great day is over and I am recuperating on the sofa writing to you! It was fine to hear your voice yesterday and to have you sing the carol with us makes the succession of Christmases unbroken after all - though somewhat stretched so to speak. Everybody made a violent effort to be there on time which was lucky because the telephone Company called us right on the dot. John had arranged to have a clear wire and we had to arrange it all over again when we heard you were going to church at 11:30 as it was originally set for that time. However it all worked out well and we could hear you beautifully

Could you hear us? I telephoned the Horsey family but they telephoned later that they couldn't make it. It would have been pretty difficult to get Mrs. Perine up there so she was not approached on the subject. You talked to everyone else I think. Atkinson had gone out to the Greenhouse to get some plants and was broken hearted when he came back and found he had missed the telephone call. Uncle John got a little organ from the Y.M.C.A. a most dilapidated little thing but it seemed to produce sounds - and Uncle Will was the organist. Most of the chorus was in tears at the end of the carol. Atkinson had the place looking very pretty - the living tree arrived and Molloy had the hall fire going. We had him remove some of the shrouded chairs so that the first thing you saw was the cheerful fire and a basket of poinsettias on the pedestal below my portrait which point shows so from the front door - Then they had a more or less clear

view out through the Reception Room to the Conservatory with all the poinsettias & tree and bright colored bags. It was really very pretty and it was lovely of you to think of giving us a little bit of Glenmont Christmas.

I don't know just where to begin to thank you for all the lovely things Santa Claus brought us! The linen is gorgeous and will certainly fill our depleted shelves - It is beautiful. The Fraser box was a delight and the amber necklace a dream. We opened our checks in bed at stocking time and they are much appreciated also. The children each have about 20 to 25 dollars left out of the fifty each you gave me for them. I got rather mixed on the things, but hope I got the accounts fairly straight. I'll send you a further report on this.

Our schedule was pretty strenuous. George Ashley had no place to go and was pretty sunk so we had him out here - He arrived Christmas eve and Charles and Carolyn came to dinner to help us trim the tree. With all that artistic talent it is quite a chef d'oeuvre. George has presented us with two paintings - one of which is so modernistic that John

Doesn't seem to appreciate it much.
but I think it's very amusing. Its a picture
of an old negro mammy holding a child -
George has exactly 249 dollars left in the
world he tells me cheerily - and no job to
speak of. It bucked him up a little to be out
here I think - anyway it gave him something
else to think about and some decent food.
The Sloanes had a big Christmas party as
usual with dozens of children - Santa Claus
and all the trimmings - we got back here
about six o'clock and Phoebe and Julia came
back and got supper for us. I was about
dead but not really so tired as usual.
The children I think had a fine day - They
are tired but that is to be expected -
I do hope our tea table arrived in good
condition and that you will get pleasure out
of using it.
We missed you horribly mother dear and
hope you won't be away another
Christmas.
Lots of love and thousands of thanks to
you and Father for all our beautiful things -
and for being our parents! Happy New Year
Madeleine
Love to Bogie

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Title
[F5D12AO], Letter from John Eyre Sloane to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 27th, 1929

Author
Sloane, John Eyre

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Alice Mary, (Mrs Arthur Anderson)
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Humphrey, Lucius Daniel
- Edison, Madeleine
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-12-27

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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115 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Dear Mother Edison

It was fine to hear you so plainly on Christmas day. It was quite amusing to watch some of the people at the phone because they could not think what to say. Apparently with a crowd looking on it was like a first experience at a microphone.

It was a lovely day with just enough snow on the ground.

We were quite overwhelmed with all the beautiful things you gave us and I want to thank you especially for all you sent me. That traveling case is a great one not to overlook the checks.

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Madeleine was delighted with the linen and the Fraser box and the kids enjoyed all their presents to the utmost. Yesterday was recovery day at home. They were all very tired and quiet. Madeleine was delighted to hear from Bogie how well you and Father Edison seemed. You certainly have had a most hectic and difficult year and it is fine to know that you are obtaining some real rest. We were all terribly sorry to have you go so soon and not be with you on Christmas but if you are both going to feel a great deal better that will be a very decided compensation.

Up here all the family both yours and mine seem quite well. Mother has had some trouble with a broken blood vessel in her eye but I think that is clearing up and we hope she will be all over it in a little while.

We have not been doing very much socially. Our dinner for Alice Anderson went off very well and I think they all had a good time. Saturday we are coming in to a dinner Lucien is giving at the Plaza and then going to the Embassy Club to dance. We are going to stay in and dine out Sunday morning.

The boys are having a fine rest from school. They were all very busy buying Christmas presents for every body and apparently taking a great interest in it.

Best to all, love

John.

Dec 27, 1929

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Title
[F5D12AP], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 8th, 1930

Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison (Thomas A.) Inc
- Town and Country
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Halsey, George E
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Howe, Hubert Shattuck
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Letter

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Management (companies and organizations)
- Health and medicine
- Wireless and radio

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January 8, 1930.

Darling Mother:

I am going over to Jess' this morning to address envelopes etc for the concert - but it seems to be some days since I've written you and I want to get a line off, however brief. The concerts are going pretty well but of course the intensive struggle is upon us as we have to drive now to sell all tickets between this and Feb. 22 - I am attending to the publicity this year which is ever so much more

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interesting than the printing - I have had to use myself quite a little and a flock of pictures will be coming out in the local papers the end of this week - Also one in "Charm" for February and perhaps one in the Herald Tribune. (not published for the benefit of the concert) Pictures of the house, with an article on same should be in the Feb. 1 - issue of Town + Country or the Feb. 15th. Be sure to look for them. Mrs. Patterson the Art Editor, came out and had lunch with me and went all over the house - I haven't the vaguest idea what she will write but hope she will do a good job.

Carolyn came over to dinner last night but went home very soon afterward to get a massage. Charles had a good day yesterday and feels much better. I did not write you

about his being in town because he thought he would
like to write you first. Don't worry too much will you —
because Dr. Howe is certainly on his trail and if he only
stays long enough and doesn't try to do things he will be
all right. He is worried for fear Father will think he
ought not to be away I think. I wish Father didn't have
to know anything about it but I suppose that is impossible.
I don't see however what good it will do to have business
flourish if Charles loses his health and it's his chance to go
through with a thorough rest cure — because certainly he is
all in. I think the radio discussion was just one too
many. Everything at the plant seems to be going smoothly as
a matter of fact. The Executive Committee they had formed seems
to be functioning and everything is calm and peaceful. I do hope
Father won't worry because that worries Charles and really
there isn't anything else he can do. You mustn't worry either on
the other side of the question. He was pretty much all in but he's
getting better all the time and you know what those rest cures
can accomplish — if only he finishes it out — I think probably he
ought to go away somewhere afterward only not to Florida where
discussions might begin all over again. It seems pretty sad with
that lovely place and you all ready to take care of him but you can
see what would undoubtedly happen — and I really think he
needs a complete change of scene where nobody will even remind
him of radio etc.
I am trying to do as you tell me and be a "mother" to the
family but I must say, I'm not much of a substitute. Anne +
Theodore were up here Saturday and George Ashley dropped in unexpectedly.
He and Theodore had a discussion on ART that would have lasted until
dawn if we had not had a dinner engagement. They had a grand
time disagreeing with each other. Anne + I had a nice afternoon
Tuesday at one of the Actors Fund matinees. I thought it was going to be
full of cheer and it turned out to be one of the most gruesome things
I've ever seen — lots + lots of love mother darling. Madeleine.

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[F5D12AQ], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 24th, 1930

Title
[F5D12AQ], Letter from Madeleine Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 24th, 1930

Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Walton, David Stoddard
- Edison, Charles
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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January 24, 1930.

Darling Mother:

John is still in Detroit and Jack in bed. I am hoping he can get up and go to-morrow when we take ten assorted small boys to see Gillette in "Sherlock Holmes" in Newark. We are having them for a buffet luncheon first and as one has dropped out we are even taking Peter! It will be his first play — indeed I'm not sure it isn't the first real play for the others also – and I'm looking forward to seeing his face at the interesting moments. The older boys have seen so many

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movies that perhaps it will seem tame to them.

The article in The American was very nice I thought - much more so than I would have expected from the rather glassy physiognomy of Mr. Crowell - more sympathetic I mean.

I am delighted with the pictures, which came yesterday. Somehow I seem to recognize your fine Italian hand in what is written beneath - although the chirography appears to be Father's.

I have nothing so very cheerful to write you about in a way. It seems to me whenever you go to Florida I have nothing to chronicle but people dying right and left. The doctors give no hope for Mr. Walton. He is just gently going away - doesn't suffer - just getting weaker and sinking slowly. It is really a wonderful way to go - but we shall all miss him. He is a darling. Mrs. Walton is very brave

but of course she's pretty sick herself though not dangerously so. Mrs. Merrill they tell me, is up and down. Last I heard she was much better - then not so well. Magda has a little son. I suppose Anne wrote you. She keeps track of the Merricks and I of the Waltons more or less. Anne told me she sent you the clipping about Jessie King's death. That certainly was a shock to me as I had not heard it till Anne told me.

Carolyn I haven't seen lately. She is working herself to a bone on the house. People who have seen it say the colors are lovely upstairs and I think if she doesn't pass out first she will eventually get something very nice. I think it's best to ~~get~~ keep away so far as I am concerned for her first reaction to anything I say is strongly negative - and half the time she doesn't even know what I'm talking about. She thinks it is better for Charles to be left alone and I think so too for the present. So I've not been in there at all - Heaven knows when I could have done it anyway. I think he is getting along nicely though and probably could see me but they don't want him to have a lot of visitors

I am having a great time with the Actors Fund & Theatre Guild tickets which seem to have converged into the last couple of weeks - saw "Meteor" yesterday and didn't like it but most other people do so I guess I'm no judge. I gave next week's opera tickets to Mother Sloane because I went on the ones you gave Mrs. Marsh which she couldn't use - and I don't want to desert John too many Saturdays. Anyway I saw "Tristan + Isolde" which I'd rather hear than any other opera so I'm satisfied, and mother Sloane was delighted. One of her eyes has gone bad somehow + she has to do things where close sight doesn't count.

I will try to get in next week and see the Frasers + the Arden Galleries to see if I can get a picture of the fountain.

Lots of love darling mother - and love to all the others of your houseparty.

Madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

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Mentioned

- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Merck, Elsbeth J
- Martinelli, Giovanni
- Edison, Charles

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- Theater
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interesting possibility that they'll forget to put a mattress under her —

Ted has just bought a little black spaniel which is the pride and joy of his heart — It has just lost its little breakfast on the wing chair but such is life — and I suppose we'll have to bear it. The adoration lavished on him by Ted is almost pathetic and after all what is a wing chair more or less — Thank heaven the frescoes are on the wall.

We are slowly recovering from what Charles calls the "Chris-mess" - slowly. The boys go back to school on

out of the water a little way and the fountain comes from it. It can be made to spout or to gurgle softly I think. I'll look and see if there's anything else.

Good-bye darling mother. Take care of yourself and thanks a lot for your letters. We love to get them —

Madeleine.

Darling Mother.

I'm starting in to New York shortly for the Opera this afternoon — It is Tosca with Jeritza and Martinelli. — an opera I've never heard and from the description in the Standard Opera Glass I should say it would be a merry afternoon — I always want to throw things at Jeritza anyway so probably it will be a relief to see her jump off into space at the end of the third act — and there's always the

The eighth - when things will become more or less routine again.

Mrs. Merck is quite ill. Elspeth telephoned and said she was sending me the opera tickets you had given her mother because she wouldn't be able to use them, and seemed quite worried over her condition. They don't seem to know exactly what is the matter unless this acute attack is grippe - but I suppose arthritis is the real trouble.

Speaking of arthritis we got to the very doors of the Theatre Guild last Thursday to be met with the announcement that Alfred Lunt was sick and there would be no matinee - arthritis is what he's supposed to have -

Alice Dane had a general New Year's party as usual and everybody was there in force - we hurried away to take Jack to a party he was invited to - only to have him burst into tears and say he wouldn't go because I had not told him earlier. The emotional tension after the holidays is highly interesting.

I will look at the Arden Galleries and see if there is anything suitable for a fountain. Would you want a very big one? They had one measuring about two feet or so - (from the bottom of the pool that is for its designed to sit on the bottom) - in the form of a sort of lily. It was very pretty and I might be able to get a picture of it. I think it cost somewhere around 250.00 I was looking at it for our pool but don't think I'll do anything about it now -

The flower sits

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- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Merck, Elsbeth J
- Thompson, Julia
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Walton, David Stoddard
- Humphrey, Lucius Daniel
- Wanamaker, John
- Halsey, George E
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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[January 1930]

Darling Mum —

This is an awful day outside — raining and freezing as it falls. We seem to be having a series of terrible week ends — very bad for the figure as all modes of exercising are impossible.

Great excitement reigns in the household as Ted made his social début last night at a dinner dance!! Jess had about nineteen infants of the long trouser age to dine and go to Miss Joralemons fortnightly dancing class — and asked Ted. It is the first time he has manifested any interest whatsoever in such activities but all the other boys his age have been showered with invitations to parties during the holidays and he has had none — and as he explained he "doesn't like that" — We went down to help transport some of them to the dance, and had a look at the dining room after the party had left. All I can say is that we shall have to confine our entertaining of the young to the summer months when they can eat on the terrace or else as Johnnie suggests, cover the frescoes with burlap and remove the rug. Anyway they had a grand time and Ted now wants to join the dancing class.

for the rest of the season - I suppose this is the beginning of the end.

Mrs. Merck sent me her opera tickets from you for yesterday. She is very sick. I telephoned this morning and got Miss Bertleson on the wire. She said they thought she was a little better this morning and had been able to take a little nourishment. But she didn't sound very encouraging. Anne took some flowers from the green house up there the other day. Elspeth is there and Jim comes and goes.

Mr. Walton is also ill and has had or has just missed having, a slight stroke. He cannot speak but is most cheery and patient. Poor Mrs. Walton can only go in to see him once a day - She realizes how ill he is they think.

The opera was "Tristan" and very thrilling as always. John didn't want to go so I took George Ashley with me. He was not thrilling, but I think it was a great inspiration to him. Its only the third opera he's ever seen -

Lucius is at present on the high seas returning to Europe with Mrs. Blumenthal. Expects to return in April he says.

Has Father ever been in St. Petersburg in his life? "The New Yorker" has been running a series of articles on him in the course of which they repeat the silly story about his "wrestling" with Mr. Wanamaker. in St. Petersburg. I remember going out to the Wanamaker yacht once in Fort Myers but don't remember seeing any wrestling match - However it may have been a day of low visibility. The articles are rather unpleasant in their tone I think and I am considering inviting the author of them out here next Spring to meet Father as he so obviously never has had ~~that~~ privilege.

Did I write you that Julie Thompson Turner is expecting another baby almost anytime now? She wrote me that she was so relieved to have got through the Christmas festivities safely as she was afraid of gratifying her eldest daughter's earnest wish that the Baby be born on Christmas day so it could be called "Jesus" Turner.

Next week Saturday is to be a large day in the annals of the family as we are all going in to the motor boat show. Ted will probably want every boat in the place. His mind is all set for Cape Cod again next year. If we do go I shall try to get Bob Halgrim to spend the summer with us and look after them. I can trust him and he won't want to be chasing girls all the time. What do they pay him down there? Perhaps it is better not to say anything to him now until our plans are more definite and since last summer was a disappointment to everybody - but it would be a relief to me to know he could be with us if we have to go. I must say that summer is a sort of night-mare to me but this year may be a little better as I won't be feeling so miserable I trust.

We are going over to see Mother Sloane shortly as we haven't laid eyes on them since New Years - I haven't the latest report from Charles but you probably hear direct anyway.

Lots and lots of love to you all —

Madeleine.

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Town and Country
- Ashley, George
- Edison Pioneers
- Quay, Thetta, (Mrs Robert A. Franks)
- Franks, Ralph Charlton
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Herben, Stephen Joseph
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Fraser, James Earl
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)

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Mrs. Sloane

Friday, February 7. 1930.

Darling Mother;

John is having an osteopathic treatment and the children are about to depart for bed - George Ashley has just departed for Town - I found him here on my return this afternoon - I lunched with Mother Sloane and went to see the Herbens this morning - Somehow I feel the day has been pretty full -! The Herbens of course sent you many loving messages. I went to see Mrs. Herben because I remembered the symbolic flower arrangements she did at our wedding and I have to give a talk about flower arrangements on March 5 before the Greenwich Garden Club. I didn't get very much help from "Grace" but a great deal of uplifting conversation. At one point I thought she was going to cry she got that emotional. I guess I am hard boiled. At any rate I'm glad I escaped her little tower room (or whatever it was) conversations with the young ladies of the parish when she was in Orange - I don't think it would have been safe. I found she got most of her information out of a book on Japanese flower arrangement which I have here on my own library shelves. I did take some notes and return in good order - (I trust) slightly exhausted

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but still able to drive the car. Stephen was downstairs for the first time after his illness - I thought he looked fairly well, and was as cheerful as ever.

I asked the Arden Galleries to send you some pictures of herons and things I found there the other day. You don't want to go as high as a thousand dollars do you? The things I sent are quite inexpensive - If you do want to go as high as that I think Mr. Fraser could do it for that in bronze - but I shouldn't think it would be worth while because cheaper things are quite as effective. Dear Thetta was telling me the other day that some grand mogul in Palm Beach - whether a Frick, a Phipps, or a Carnegie, I don't just remember, has a swan made of plaster which they have painted dark green or black. I think that might easily be *very* good looking and would cost so very little comparatively. Speaking of dear Thetta I don't see how in the world I can throw a party for the Ralph Franks because they leave on the 17th and there is hardly time. Thetta is giving a dinner for them Saturday and taking the guests to the Tennis Club afterwards. Monday & Tuesday are taken up for us in New York and anyway its so late to get anybody. I will however consult with Anne about it as she is more their vintage.

I am sorry you let anybody talk you in to using your picture for advertising - particularly Fleishman's Yeast if that is what it is. They have the cheapest and most unpleasant forum all about one's inner workings. I think its awful and I don't think the Playground Recreation thing is worth it - That is it seems to me they could raise the money some other way.

However it may not be so bad as I think - but I wonder if you realize that you will run in all the magazines for months = and heaven knows where else because the Fleischman people have never had anybody of any consequence before and they'll probably make the most of it. All I can say is that you must love the Playgrounds very much and you certainly are a saint to do it for I don't think you are going to like it.

Speaking of the Press did you see the pictures of the house and an article on the same in Feb. 1. "Town and Country"? If you did not will you let me know as we have some extra copies. The photograph you have of me was in "Charm" ~~[illegible]~~ month in connection with the Schelling Concerts - Its not really good though it looks as well as can be expected - And next month they are publishing some pictures of the house. John thinks we ought to retire from the public eye after that and I think myself it would be restful.

We are going in to the Pioneers luncheon as I suppose we ought to - probably being the only ones who will unless Theodore has a change of heart. Monday this "Rehearsal Club" has a tea and I have the job of bringing Mary Nash. The actress, on a leash or by some other method - to be one of the guests of honor.

Has the Actors Fund sent you a subscription blank for next year?

The plays so far have been very entertaining - except for Earl Carrolls exhibition which was entertaining but somewhat electrifying to anybody from the Country to say the least. Next year I believe they are going to exercise a little discrimination in their choice of plays which wouldn't be a bad thing.

The children are fine and all came home with fine reports this month.

Ted is on the honor roll for English with a mark of 90. He also got 90 in French - Pulled up his latin to 70 or 75 - and got a 75 in history. He is working hard and seems very happy in this school. Jack has so many A's it's monotonous. He apparently does very good work and keeps it up steadily whereas Ted varies. Peter got an A in conduct this month as well as in general progress so we feel that younger generation in this family has done itself proud.

I must stop and do some chores. When Theodore comes up for luncheon he never seems to go until I drive him out and the consequence is I get nothing done - because naturally I want him to stay as long as it's humanly possible. He is a funny child. I am enjoying him very much but oh boy how he can argue! I am generally a complete wreck by the time he leaves.

Lots of love to you. I hear by the papers that you are taking up golf. That sounds fine except that I hope you won't play when the sun is too far up. That course seems to me like a regular bake oven. I want to try golf too this spring. It bores me to tears but John likes it and I think it would probably be good for us both.

Ever so much love again -

Madeline.

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Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Pioneers
- Quay, Thetta, (Mrs Robert A. Franks)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Miller, Grace A
- Franks, Robert Augustus
- Edison, Blanche Travers (Mrs William L.)
- Howe, Hubert Shattuck

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February 13, 1930.

Darling Mother -

I feel as though I had neglected you lately as I cant remember when I last wrote, but hope youll forgive me. As you learned via our telegram we attended the Pioneer's luncheon and Marion was not present, having gone to spend the day in Wilmington with Blanche + Bill. Charles and Carolyn, Tom + Beatrice, Florence + Unc-anne and ourselves upheld the family honor. Theodore has a cold + thought best to be discreet. It was very much as usual but as John and I left early I cannot tell you about the speeches. It probably was awful to go but we had the actors fund tickets for "Subway Express" and they were somewhat late starting luncheon guess the Pioneers think I came only for the annual corsage bouquet!! Charles has gained 11 pounds and looks infinitely improved. They expect to get off to Arizona in a few days. I know how you feel about wishing he could come down there and it does seem too bad but I don't think it would be at all the right thing and anyway Dr. Howe seems to think the climate of Arizona would be beneficial to his asthma among other reasons.

If Aunt Grace is still with you tell her she made a
most tremendous hit with some old bird at Detroit
by telling him archly that he looked like an honest man
when he mentioned the fact that he was some seventy odd
years old. Doubtless she will remember the episode. I don't
think I shall ever forget it either now - and I didn't think
I would ever forget the old boy's name but I seem to have
done so inadvertently. Anyhow he's a pioneer + was in
Detroit - and tells it every fifteen minutes.
Theodore's cold isn't bad - it's only that he thought he had better
get well over it.

We went down to the Franks yesterday to ask if they would
be guests of honor at a small + exclusive Tea gathering on Sunday
afternoon so people could say a fond farewell to them - but
found that Thella is giving a farewell herself so we
gracefully withdrew. It was the only thing we could really
manage - It's so hard to get up a party on short notice. Thella
wants to see this house and invited herself & family to come over
Saturday instead but we have promised the boys to take
them to the aviation show that day so it couldn't be done -
I certainly must have some sort of a party at which I
can entertain some of the older people -

Had a very successful reception at the Rehearsal Club - where
I'm one of the managers - on Monday last. I asked Mrs. A.D. Smith
as I thought she was a person who ought to be interested and
she certainly was that. She sat enthroned in an armchair

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saying she really must go at every second breath - but she
didn't go for about an hour. I also asked Mrs. Brown and she
came too. In fact everybody I asked - nearly - turned up with smiling
faces. The guests of honor were Mary Nash, Evelyn Laye, and
Leslie Howard - The two last being the current male & female
matinée idols of the hour. The place was full of actors + actresses
past, present + future and it really was quite fun -
Somebody introduced me as "Edison's daughter" and the gentleman
said - "Oh Bob Edeson"! The work there is
quite interesting though I don't know so much about it yet. I wished
myself on the house committee and that has to do with furnishing +
repairs which will be right in my line. We have John D. Rockefeller's
daughter and ~~[illegible]~~ the erstwhile Miss Stettinius on the board
So I'm in exalted company.

Am not doing anything for the flower show this year in any way.
I thought I'd take a year off.

I was delighted with the message accompanying the lovely
cigarette holder! It is truly the longest one I ever saw and I'm
wondering if I won't be completely unconscious ~~that~~ I'm smoking at
all! ~~My~~ valentine dress is too pretty for words and the
beads fascinating. You certainly do get attractive things down there.
Thank you ever so much mother darling - I'm afraid you
are spending most of your time getting things off to us up
here.

I'm glad you liked the pictures in Town + Country.
Peter has a new song book + wants me to play a tune for him
to sing - so farewell for this time.

Ever so much love. Madeleine.

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Author
Sloane, John Eyre

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Adams, Margaret Potter
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)

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NEW YORK

Dear Mother Edison —

Everybody up here seems to have been under a good deal of pressure this winter but it looks as though we might get an early Spring and that will make us all feel better. At home we have been somehow busy watching out to head off any incipient colds getting the children around to motorboat shows airplane shows occasional parties etc. and going out ourselves sometimes. Last night we had dinner with the Tuckers in town and met little Mrs Bagby among others. They were all a good deal older than we are which Madeleine thought indicated we must be ready for the grave.

Charles & Carolyn got off Monday & Margaret Adams went with them. Charles is looking well though not much color of course. He put on 11 pounds at the hospital & has quite a corporation. Carolyn of course was tired from trying to look after the new house & Chas at the hospital. The house is pretty well finished with only certain details to take care of; though quite important ones - They have stopped work on it until they return.

Theodore & Ann seem well but Ted seems to get unduly nervous and worked up over some things. He really needs a house of his own instead of that apartment because he is working hard and you can relax & get much more refreshed in a place in the Park than down town.

I dont think he likes to do as much administrative work as he has had to do recently and that I think is what bothers him. He has a number of ideas about economics and social relations that are not entirely in accord with the average business as it happens to be organized & conducted to-day. He has very strong convictions as you know and I think it is a strain on him to have to participate in conducting things along lines he does not entirely agree with. A lot of his ideas are very good of course but we all have some ideas that possibly cant be fitted into the surroundings at the moment. It seems to me that as he goes along he will develope his ideas and methods and find ways of applying those that stand the acid test of time and so feel much better about everything.

On the whole business is looking very much better and things are going along quite satisfactorially with me though they have been very slow until recently. Am feeling much less nervous which is a great relief. Madeleine looked very sweet last night at dinner. Love to you all

John

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- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Ashley, George
- Adams, Margaret Potter
- Quay, Thetta, (Mrs Robert A. Franks)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Franks, Robert Augustus
- Brown, Mary Spalding (Mrs William Thayer)
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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February 21, 1950.

Darling mother.

I started you a letter some time ago – and found I had very little news to put in so didn't finish it – and the result was that it never got off at all and I have very little more news now! However – Here's lots of love and best wishes to you and Father for your Anniversary! I am ordering you a "Garden Record Book" which I hope will prove useful but it won't get there in time to greet you on that day as I have to get it from Philadelphia.

It is practically summer up here at the moment – though last Sunday the thermometer stood at zero. Charles and Carolyn got off Monday – apparently in fine spirits. Margaret Adams went with them and Edith Walton says she hopes they all come back looking as well as they did when they started! I think it must have been excitement making Carolyn look well, however, because I think really she is very tired. It ought to be a fine trip and I think having Margaret along will probably be a good thing –

Theodore comes up quite regularly for lunch and seems better I think – We usually spend the time debating some highly scientific subject – scientific on his part that is –

masquerade. I got him two costumes – one of which he likes enormously really, but keeps saying "It will take a lot of courage to wear that one – it's so flamboyant!"

Ever so much love mother darling and Father too.
Madeleine.

Our first concert comes to-morrow and the pleasure of entertaining
Mr. Schelling falls to me as Florence did not want to have
a luncheon and I seemed to be the only one available to take
him off her hands. She is feeding my children and I am having
Schelling, Mrs. Wm. Thayer Brown – Gertrude Holmes – and the
Brooks. John will be here as its a holiday. I would rather
have had somebody instead of the Brooks in a way but Jess works
like a dog over these concerts and I think if anybody merits a
few of the pleasures of the day she does – I was not keen
to have the party at all but I guess well get through ~~it~~ all
right – Everybody says he is charming and very informal and I
trust that Phoebe will cook the chicken to his taste. He
has to have a bath and a glass of orange juice immediately
upon arrival – I don't know whether I have to give him
a Shampoo or anything after lunch but I suppose I shall
learn.

Please answer the following query: Is there any book – preferably
not out of a set (like George Eliot for instance) that you like especially
and would like to have around a good deal. I mean the way I
like Marcus Aurelius to read occasionally – or poems or
Essays? I want to know for a special reason.

I could not get the Franks party in as it was too late to get up a
dinner and I was hectic just at the moment. I told her about it and
tried to arrange a tea for the day before they left but mama Franks was
giving one herself – so that was that.

George Ashley is getting all sorts of jobs since those pictures came out in
Town & Country: Thank goodness – as he is nearly down to his last dollar.
We are going up to Rock Spring to a "Monte Carlo Party" to-night, having
dinner first at Florence Greble's (Colgate) To-morrow Ted is going to a

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- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Miller, Nancy
- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Edison Scholarship Contest
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Darling Mother -

You and I seem about equally good on correspondence lately! I have been having a hectic time trying to prepare a lecture on Flower Arrangement. to be given before the Greenwich Garden Club in New York. I thought the date was March 5th and was tearing my hair out by the roots as I've been interrupted so much, and haven't felt like working at it for various reasons and couldn't get any of the flowers I wanted! Yesterday at John's suggestion I just locked myself up in the study and worked like mad - not even taking time to look at the mail. When I did look however, I found a note from The Greenwich Garden Club lady saying that the meeting was on March 11th !! I feel as though I had just been reprieved from the electric chair! I don't know how I'm ever going to get away with the darn thing anyway but this gives me a week longer to agonize and doesn't come in the middle of all the family birthdays at least! Peter is having Nancy & Stuart over to supper to-morrow to help him celebrate and on the 15th is having a theatre party consisting of two other small children to go to see "Peter Pan" in New York. I tried my best to get out of having anyone to-morrow - the occasion falling on the Sabbath

but he said it was His Birthday Sunday and nothing else 2
would do but to celebrate on the date. So Nancy + Stuart are coming
at four o'clock for Supper + much festivity March 2nd He has had his
presents this morning and is going to Granny's for lunch. I had an
extra book which I presented to him for you so don't be
Surprised when you get the letter of thanks – written on the new
~~for~~ typewriter. I hope we live through the day. One of the maids
is sick so it has been a little confused this week too. She hopes to
get back to-morrow. Ted's birthday hasn't even been considered as
yet.

John and I hope to get off the end of the week to motor up to
Cooperstown N.Y. to look at a house we might consider renting
for the summer – There is also one on Cape Cod we may look
at. Cooperstown isn't so far and sounds pretty good but you never can
tell till you see it. There's a lake for Ted to do outboard one –
and it sounds like a decent place which is more than you
can say for some of them – I should want Bob Halgrim either there
or in Cape Cod but I don't like to write him until it is somewhat
definite as we disappointed him last year. Do you know what pay
he gets down there? I don't suppose he is so important to the
rubber industry ~~that~~ he couldn't be spared is he? It would make
considerable difference to our decision whether we could get him or not.

You seem to be having a galaxy of visitors – I do hope you will
have a chance sometime to get that rest we've been speaking of. 2
Did I tell you we entertained Ernest Schelling here at the house
for luncheon after the concert last Saturday. He was quite delightful

and as we were all discussing Communism he has sent me a large collection of pamphlets on the subject which I suppose I will have to have a thorough working knowledge of by the next concert.

Don't worry too much about Theodore. I do think there are quite a few things wrong with him – among them his point of view, but I think a great many ~~th~~ things he will just have to grow out of. He is certainly a queer child and curiously immature about some things. I hate to see him so unhappy as he is but it is somewhat a case of the square peg in the round hole. He and Charles are about as different in their mental reactions as two people could possibly be. I think that for all his crazy ideas I understand Theodore's point of view better than Charles' or at least I sympathize more with it. A good trip by himself might help him but where would he go? He will have to get hold of himself by himself I think. Please don't let on to him that I have written anything to you about him or that you are worrying over him – above all not that. I am trying to get to know him a little better by talking to him when he comes up here and getting to know something of his problems – I don't think there's anything to worry about but I do think he is rather at sixes and sevens and I think Anne just doesn't know which way to turn next. Just at the moment Theodore has put himself on a starvation diet and Anne though she doesn't believe in it is cooperating in every way possible for two weeks. If by that time it doesn't make him feel any better he is supposed to stop – no telling if he will of course. He seems to be a bit like Father in that line. He goes to see Dr. Humphrey at the orthopedic & that seems to be helping his back. But

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whether cause or effect I think Theodore's mental outlook
has a good deal to do with the way he feels. He was looking a
good deal better about five weeks ago than he does now but had
grippe & that pulled him down. He is somewhat upset about
Charles' desire to have the scholarship contest again - I do think
its a silly thing to do from every point of view although
naturally it is none of my business. He looks at it as cheap
publicity - which it has always seemed to me too. Of course
last year they got away with it but I think to repeat it is
press your luck and besides I think its too hard on everybody
concerned. Well, as I say its none of my business but all
that - does bother Theodore and he is constantly rebelling inwardly
which is certainly not good for ~~anything~~ anyone. You probably know
all this anyway - but don't tell Theodore I have been
analyzing him to you. I honestly think too that Anne
does the best she can. I don't think she's very happy either
but I don't think she knows what to do next. If Theodore
were a little more easy going it wouldn't be half so hard.
Well Mother dear I have had a somewhat strenuous day
this peaceful Sabbath and I think I'll say good night.
Haven't had any word from Charles & Carolyn except that we
know they got there -

Ever so much love to you all -

Madeleine

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Edison, Madeleine

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Ashley, George
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Newman, Henry Otis
- Miller, Margaret

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The most thrilling event in the family is that Peter has lost his first tooth!!! Nothing would do but that he must go down to Dr. Barry and have it yanked with all ceremony and it has now taken its place under his pillow for the customary fairy to replace with a dime. Excitement has been intense.

Your illuminated fleet sounds wonderful and takes me back to my childhood days at Chautauqua. I always thought it was one of the prettiest things they had and out there on the river it must have looked lovely. Hope the rain didn't altogether spoil it. Wasn't it too bad it had to rain.

Charles and Carolyn came over to dinner a few days ago - Charles looks fine and apparently is in good spirits.

I was simply dumberdashed over Margaret's news - It seems to me after twelve years of thinking over the question of getting married - three years is a rather small allowance for thinking about terminating the experiment. I must get her divorce here - I suppose though I don't know that I would do much good and I don't specially look forward to urging the subject. It's a strange world -

March 23, 1956

(Mrs Moore) Darling Mother -

I keep starting letters to you and not finishing them - until I have decided just to write short notes so that they will at least get off.

There really isn't so very much news. I have been very busy moving forsythia bushes and putting the attic to rights and the children have been passing gay with parties. Their vacation begins Wednesday so I suppose that means even more festivities -

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Carolyn hurt her back going down into the Grand Canyon - and
I'm afraid she suffers a good deal with it. She is over her
ears again in the house. George Ashley is going to do their
powder rooms I guess. I don't know if the job will finally
pan out or not. His sketches I think are quite lovely but
they will be quite a lot of work and Carolyn & Charles seem to
think they can't spend much more money. George wants to do
the job very much but of course you can't do that sort of work
for next to nothing so I don't know what they will finally decide -
Perhaps to do one room now and the other later - George has
two or three jobs now thanks mostly to our valiant efforts to have
him meet people. He has one doing a yacht which ought to be a
very good advertisement for him and another job in a Public
Library in Youngstown Ohio - besides a small job up in Far Hills.
I think if he can only hang on he will get there for he certainly
has the stuff. Carolyn wanted Louis XVI in her powder room but
Mr. Delano didn't approve & wanted "Directoire" - then when George had
made all the sketches for that he wanted another idea - Enormous
flowers on the panels. Single flowers I mean. The "directoire"
sketches are charming but though I like the single flower one I
don't think it looks in the least like Carolyn or like the house -
but it's the one Mr. Delano likes best. She is going to wait & talk it
over with him again next week.
Theodore I haven't seen for some time now as the starvation diet
seems to be working nicely. John and I are planning to go up
to Cape Cod on Friday to see another house in Quisset this
time - Please do your best to get Bob for me. unless you
think it will smash up his career - ~~It~~ would certainly make a
lot of difference to me -
Am going to close this without trying to write more so that it
will have some chance of getting mailed. lots & lots of love -
Madeline.

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- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Sloane, Alice Mary, (Mrs Arthur Anderson)
- Sloane, Adelaide Kernan (Mrs Charles O.)
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Ashley, George
- Macbeth, Robert Walker
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Malloy, Peter

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[March 1930]

Darling Mother -

You do really seem to be getting a fine rest!! Well never mind I suppose you can't help it and maybe it's better than being bored I have been very busy lately - I don't know just what about except that miserable Flower Arrangement lecture I had to give. It is a hard subject because it's so nebulous and all the women consider themselves experts so it was quite difficult - I don't feel that I got through very well but Alice says it was alright - . She is always boosting for the family so I'm not sure whether to believe her or not - Anyway it is over and I'm glad. Florence wants me to repeat the talk for the Guild in April I couldn't give the same talk exactly because it would be too technical but I think talking to the Guild would be a far easier proposition and I suppose I could revamp the paper.

Did you get the copy of "Charm" I sent you with my article about the house in it? The reason I asked you about your favorite book is that I got fifty dollars for that article and as it's the first money I've ever earned I thought I'd like to get you and John each a book out of the proceeds - You have always wanted me to write and now that I've actually come out in print - I wanted to put some of the earnings into a remembrance for you Have you got the book you mention already - It sounds so - Perhaps then there is something else I could get.

Charles and Carolyn got home to-day - I've talked to Charles over the phone and they were over here this p.m. but I was out -

We'll have to go over there this evening I guess. According to Anne several people down at the plant are just storing up their troubles to dump on Charles as soon as he lands in the place. Nice prospect. Theodore is working very hard but now that Charles is home things ought to lighten up for him a little I should think. Charles says he feels fine – asked him how Carolyn was and he said she was fine except that she rode a mule down the Grand Canyon and was at the moment not so light on her feet. That, however, will pass -

Speaking of feet - Jess Bredt fell down stairs Monday and broke one or two of the small bones in her foot. She was unconscious for some time - lying at the foot of the stairs as of course she is all alone in the house until Nancy comes home from school. She is just up and hobbling around now.

Saturday is our next children's Concert and we dash from that in to N.Y. to see "Peter Pan" - I inadvertently got tickets for the same day and we had promised Peter we would go. It's an aftermath birthday party for him - You are really too good to send all that money to the infants and I hereby acknowledge Peter's with many many thanks - I noticed Ted wrote you himself though I wasn't invited to see the letter.

Friday we expect to go to Uncle John's for dinner & go to the Community Theatre in Orange to see what they have to offer - Yesterday Alice had her mother, Adelaide & me in to luncheon and to see the Chinese actor everybody is talking about. It was interesting but I'm glad I don't have to see Chinese plays every day. The music – so called – is continuous and gets terribly on my nerves.

George Ashley telephoned me this morning that he has a job painting a mural for a Public Library in Youngstown Ohio - Also the prospect of a pretty big job doing a yacht - and Charles & Carolyn I think are going

To let him do their powder rooms if they ever decide what they want,
Mr. Delano Told him one thing and he did the Sketches for some
35 or 40 panels and now Mr. Delano wants something else! well
anyway if George gets a good start I shall feel that I have not
lived my entire life in vain. Bob Macbeth got him the library job
and the other he got through Louise Vanderbilt and I think - the pictures in
Town and Country - more or less. He has become more or less of a
matter of pride with me and I am so thankful that something is
beginning to come out of our strenuous efforts in his behalf. I really think
he has genius or I wouldn't do it needless to say.
I am devastated about Bob. I think I need him much more than
the golden rod does. It isn't that I think he's so intelligent but he
has a way with the boys and he fits in in the household. Also he is
perfectly satisfied to play around with them and can do things - like sailing,
+ fixing a motor and he isn't always chasing girls and boys of his own age.
I don't know that it would pay to get a stranger from Florida as
there are plenty nearer home. I only thought it would make my
mind so much easier this summer if I could have Bob but
I can try to get somebody else - I don't think however in a case
like that - intelligence is everything - Personality - counts a good
deal more and whether the boy is good at various things boys
admire.
The summer is still an open question - John and I drove up to
Cooperstown N.Y. to see a house there but the servants quarters were
beyond words - It was a very old house + a good deal to take care
of and no facilities for doing it. Otherwise the place was lovely.
Went over to Glenmont the other day to look up something in the
encyclopedia and found the front stairs all wound up with rope
like a spider web party. Upon inquiry found that Malloy had

decided that too many people traversed the front stairs and wore out the carpet so he decided to rope them off and save wear and tear. He is a great old boy - He says he is getting very tired of having you all away. I guess he gets quite lonely.

Peter will be home shortly so I'd better sign seal and deliver this to be mailed - Its taken me so long to finish.

Lots of love -

Madeleine

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Mentioned

- Llewellyn Park (N.J.). Board of Managers
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Garrison, Marion Knight (Mrs. Philip McK.)
- Route 10 (West Orange)
- Ford, Henry
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Fraser, James Earl
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- TAE personality and character
- State and local government
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- Health and medicine
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Madeleine
(Mrs. Sloane)

April 7, 1930.

Darling Mother -

While waiting for the very late Messrs. Sloane to finish their breakfast so Phoebe can come in to me to see about the meals - I may be able to scribble you a line. These vacations are somewhat upsetting to the general routine but I certainly think the infants deserved a period of relaxation. All their reports are very satisfactory - but they have seemed rather tired lately and the vacation has come just in time.

We had a call day before yesterday from Marie Bodell and two of her children who dropped in for luncheon on their way home from Washington where the said children had been partaking of an educational tour. I had some such thought for our children but it didn't meet with any enthusiasm & perhaps it's just as well. After all

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why be educated? Probably the capitol of the United States will be removed to Oshkosh by the time they grow up and will be governed by an assorted group of soviets.

There has been great excitement in the Park recently about Route 10 — John found out that there was a strong indication that the highway commission would put it right through the Park on a diagonal line from the top of Mt. Pleasant Avenue through the Page houses, the Tilneys, Walkers, Landons, Tompkins, Barry's et al — ~~It~~ Then some surveyors started driving stakes in the Barry's lawn and the excitement grew violent. John has done quite a little work on the subject and yesterday Llewellyn Park representatives were given a private hearing in Trenton. Albert Wall, Hudson Chubb, K. Gordon, John — Edith Walton & Nora Barstow all journeyed down & told their story and were assured by all that is holy that Route 10 would not come through the Park. My faith in political gentlemen is such that I feel this still remains to be seen. The present plan is to bring it down Mt. Pleasant Avenue — The stakes driven in the Barry's place were explained by the fact that Eagle Rock Avenue or whatever they call that road is to be widened 16 ft. That will probably do away with the Park Lodge up there but I don't know why they had to make a survey of the Barry Place. However we have done our shouting and they at least know that the Park is on the map. John has done some good work on it which I hope will be appreciated.

Thank you for your telegram about Bob. I am so glad — Of course I don't want to wreck the boy's career however and

if his going makes Father feel irritated against him - please disregard my pleas as, naturally, I can give him only temporary employment. If Father feels it's all right however, it certainly takes a load off my mind. I hope Bob is as unspoiled as he used to be.
I don't really need him till July 1st but of course he could come earlier if necessary. Please let me know how much they pay him - and thank you ever so much for your intercession -
John and I expect to go up to Fishers Island Friday to see what that is like. It's nearer home than the Cape. About like Watch Hill. We made a flying trip to Cape Cod last week end but the house was not entirely satisfactory - Too near the road and I've had enough of that.

Mrs. Fips, the ~~President~~ Chairman of the Flower Show, for the last three years, is coming out to luncheon to-morrow and I'm having some other Flower Show people - and Marian Garrison. I don't know what Marian will be able to talk about but I'd trust her to find a subject. I think I'll introduce her to the ~~[illegible]~~ horticulturist as a nut fancier.

It is as cold as Greenland to-day - blowing like January. We have had a very cold spring so far. The forsythia isn't even out though it is struggling. It's a good thing you are not thinking of coming up yet awhile anyway.
We are taking the Frasers to the Philadelphia Concert Tuesday. They say it's the only time they ever hear it. It has become a sort of annual custom to

invite them. Mr. Fraser said Mr. Ford had just been in to see him and reported Father as being in splendid health and looking fine.

Ever so much love to you both. I hope you are looking as fine as Father but these remarks about your back hurting etc. do not seem to indicate it. Don't try to write so much but do send a telegram occasionally because its awful not hearing anything at all —

Lots + lots of love. Madeleine.

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- Citizens League of West Orange
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Llewellyn Park (N.J.). Board of Managers
- Atkinson, George
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Ashley, George
- Poole, Ernest
- Humphrey, Lucius Daniel
- Howard, Robert Robinson
- Edison, Charles
- Philadelphia Orchestra
- Walker, Lily
- Route 10 (West Orange)
- Rollinson, Simeon Harrison
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Fraser, James Earl
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Miller, Margaret

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April 11, 1930.

Mrs Sloane

Darling Mother –

This is ~~not~~ such lovely paper but it seems to be at hand and my time may be short. I am waiting to start Peter off for an afternoons play with a little friend in Montclair – before going down to Jess' to collect some daffodils which in turn get transported to the Church (First M.E.) where I am lecturing this afternoon on "Flower Arrangements" – It was announced in the paper as a lecture on the "Color Schemes of Gardens" which rather dumbfounded me as that is a somewhat comprehensive subject to say the least. I thought I could use some of my other papers but on looking it over find it is so technical I don't think it

Ted was thrilled about the motor boat!

Thanks for my check –

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would do at all down there so I'm relying mostly on demonstration and my powers of extemporaneous speech if any.

To-night we go with the boys to hear three one act plays which Montclair School is doing in conjunction with two other Schools. Each one giving a play.

John has been made President of the Citizens League here in West Orange to work for the commissioners to be elected in May. He got into it largely because of his activities in connection with Route 10. and it promises to be quite a little work but I think he will enjoy it. The Citizens League supports Rollinson for mayor - and Irwin, Brundage. O'Conor - + somebody else for commissioners. They dropped

Bob Howard who has apparently made himself very unpopular - Laidlaw père) the grocer, is running on another ticket and about a dozen other people are up. It promises to be quite an exciting affair. These five commissioners of the Citizens League are all committed to protect Llewellyn Park. The delegation that went down to Trenton got an absolute promise from the Highway commission that Route 10 would not go through here but of course it will have to be watched. You know what political promises may be at times & the personnel might change.

I haven't seen any of the family for quite some time except that we dropped in to Charles & Carolyn a minute last Sunday. The elms and weeping beeches are up in the front of the new house & things are really getting finished up I guess. They ought to be able to move pretty soon.

We have taken a cottage at Fisher's Island did I tell you? It has a main house, guest house, & servants house, but all this is not so glorified as it sounds — However it looks pretty comfortable and has a lovely view over the water. Also it isn't so far - more like Watch Hill.

Children are fine and to-day it looks as if Spring might be thinking of making an appearance. Up to now its been very cold.

I went to see Mrs. Merck last Sunday & took her an orchid Atkinson had — She looked pretty well but doesn't feel so I gather. Lily Walker is in the hospital with an operation which they thought would be trivial and turned out to be much more serious. She'll be out next week.

I have been contemplating having Margaret Miller down for Sunday but I know it would mean rushing all her affairs and I feel it's almost too much for me – I do think when it's taken you twelve years to make up your mind to get married a three year trial is pretty short – but nobody can judge.

We had a nice party at the Philadelphia Concert last Tuesday. It was a lovely concert Had the Frasers on our annual party and also Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Poole – He's the novelist you know – and she is very attractive. Just the six had dinner together and then I asked George Ashley – a friend of Lucius' who sings – to come in afterwards at the concert. It was quite a harmonious assemblage + both the Frasers + the Pooles asked George to come and see them which is fine for him.

Well mother dear I think I'd probably better stop + consider what I am to say to the dear sisters this afternoon.

Love + ever so much love.

Madeline.

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- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Dyer, Dominick
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Bradshaw, John Hammond
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)

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Mrs. Sloane's letters.

April 14 –

Darling mother –

I didn't realize that such a long time had elapsed between my epistles – probably you got one from me soon after sending yours. There is quite a lot to tell you this time about various things. First let me thank you for the Philadelphia Orchestra tickets – They are going to have the concert in the Metropolitan Opera House I believe this time and I don't know what these tickets entitle you to – maybe a box in the Grand Tier. It is going to be something very extra special with a ballet – and nobody can get tickets for love or money. I am sure Uncle + Florence – Theodore + Anne will want to go and I will call them up.

Your telegram about the opera last Saturday was received rather late in the morning and nobody knew where the tickets were – the telegram did not say so nothing could be done – I'm sorry.

Beatrice Edison called me up Saturday night about Lena – said Lena had sent for her one night recently and she went up to find things in a terrible condition. I don't know

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why she (Lena) didn't let any of us know but she says she did tell somebody to telephone me but the woman misunderstood. Anyway Lena has had grippe and has now a bad case of bronchitis - is so feeble she can't get food for herself and hasn't even the pep to take the medicine the doctor gave her. She had sent for Dr. Bradshaw and he came once + then didn't come again + she felt she couldn't get him. Beatrice got a Dr. Austin Thompson - a young man - to come in and he has been looking after her since. I think he is alright and probably will take more interest being young + not so busy. Lena was going to call in Blakeley + I sat on that hard. Beatrice thought she ought to go to the hospital for a week at least + get some proper care + regular food. Uncle John saw the doctor + they decided that a practical nurse was all that would be required but I went down there yesterday morning to Lena's house and I certainly agree with Beatrice. So I called up the doctor - cancelled the practical nurse + got her a small private room in the hospital. It is cheerful + peaceful + I think Lena needed a change of atmosphere as much as anything. There are three or four women (roomers) cooking in her kitchen now and a practical nurse would have been just one more. Add to that friends ~~they~~ dropping in to moan with her and everybody cackling at everybody else you can imagine that it wouldn't take much to drive anyone entirely batty under the circumstance. I hope we have done right. Beatrice and I both decided it was what you would want done if you had been here. The room is 7 dollars a day + of course she is on floor care. She is awfully feeble + I don't think she will last so very much longer. She looks like a very old child - lost in the dark. She said she felt that everybody had deserted her this winter. We hadn't any of us been down and with you away she just feels as if she hadn't anywhere to turn I guess. Of course I didn't know anything about her being sick - and I rather had the impression she didn't want to come up here on account of my colored maids. I suppose I should have looked in on her anyway. I don't think she is going to get along much longer in that house of hers without someone to look after her. She has failed quite a little. I think it would be most injudicious to have her come to Florida even if she could make the trip which I doubt. She isn't awfully sick according to the doctor but there are quite a lot of things doctors don't take into account. I think she needs peace + quiet and care - I wish there were a good old ladies home or something or some arrangement where she could have her rooms + someone to take care of her away from the "roomers". At any rate we will see what a week in the memorial will do for her - She was so happy over your telegram - Poor old soul she is pathetic.

2 days later - I went down to see her yesterday and she seemed better - I think the poor thing was half starved. Sent Peter down with Dyer to-day with some things for her but have not had their report as yet.

Am going to mail this so you will know about what has been done, though I wish I had any cheerful news to send you with. Did I tell you that the family has violently entered politics? John is President of the Citizens League of W.O - and made a very good speech the other night.

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- Sloane, Peter Edison
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- Miller, Nancy
- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Sloane, Thomas O'Conor
- Sloane, Charles O'Conor
- Sloane, Adelaide Kernan (Mrs Charles O.)
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Bredt, Edward Arthur
- Anderson, Arthur Marvin
- Horsey, Henry
- Walton, Edith S
- Bradshaw, Lena Patterson (Mrs John H.)
- Dyer, Dominick
- Kelsey, Clarence Hill
- Edison, Charles
- Philadelphia Orchestra
- Walton, Florence Louise
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bradshaw, John Hammond
- Perine, Mary Elizabeth McCabe (Mrs John J.)
- Sloane, John Eyre
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

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April 21, 1930.

Darling mother –

Well, Easter is over and here we are at Jock's birthday. We had a nice day yesterday.. sunny for a change, and moderately warm – Enjoyed your box of apple confections, and Easter greetings – The Easter Bunny was present as usual and left some presents + eggs + we had a hunt – but it evidently did not come up to the one last year at Fort Myers in Peter's estimation – They should have been hidden out of doors and altogether it was not up to scratch.

Lena is getting along quite nicely – She developed pleurisy after a couple of days at the hospital and I got special nurses for her. I don't know whether I told you about that. Peter and Dyer were down there one afternoon

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I was very relieved to get your telegram about Lena as I feel I was taking a good deal of responsibility but I do think it's the right thing for her.

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when I couldn't go – to take her something and she developed this frightful pain – and rang five times for the floor nurse before anybody came. I thought I wouldn't have a comfortable moment unless I knew somebody was there and those floor nurses are about as good as nothing. The day nurse she has is very nice – Her name is Mrs. Jamison and she has a place in the Catskills where she takes people as boarders. I was wondering if it wouldn't be good for Lena to go to a place like that for awhile to get looked after a bit. I don't think any of us has the time to look after her as she should be looked after and even having a person go into her home would make perhaps more confusion. What do

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you think of that idea. I will find out what the rates are.

Charles and Carolyn are planting millions of laurels on their new place - in two long rows stretching all the way from the road to the terrace. Their big elms are in and the weeping beeches. I think they got the elms too far apart as you would hardly know they are there. The kitchen stove seems to be bothering so that things sort of drag along and they don't know when they'll be in — or if they do they're not telling.

Theodore & Anne are going to the Philadelphia Wednesday night with us - Uncle John is going but Florence has to go to Atlantic City - so Edith Walton is going in her place - likewise Florence & Pom. We are dining at the

Cosmopolitan Club first. It will probably be a wild programme - but interesting.

Couldn't you possibly come up June 1st and let Henry & Bob bring Father. It will be just like last year and I'll hardly see you. The children are champing at the bit to get off the minute school closes and I am sticking out for the first of July - even that is only about ten days after you get here. Could you come up the first of August and visit me for a week at least? Or when in August could you come. I want to ask the Budds for some of the time and Adelaide & I should have Mother & Father Sloane (in July) so I'd like to get dates fixed if possible. Do you know now what dates Chautauqua is apt to be calling you? Of course you can't back on Father - so we'll just take a chance on him - I'd rather have you come alone - not that I wouldn't like Father too - but I don't think he would like it *at all*. It's an island and no motoring to speak of and nothing in the world for him to do - but if you could fix him up at home - you could come and he ought to be able to get along *at least* for a week. It isn't so far - This place - only outside of New London -

Except for the fact that we miss you. I don't think you need be too sad about missing Spring up here. So far we've had none at all, - just cold damp gray days, one after another. Yesterday the Sun shone for the first time in weeks it seemed to me.

Mrs. Clarence Kelsey is quite ill I believe

I don't know what is the trouble.

Great excitement over Jack Bradshaw's wedding. He and Dr. Bradshaw + fourteen guests are going on in a private car — Mrs. A. D. Smith among the throng. Isn't it too bad Mrs. Bradshaw didn't live to see it. She would have been so thrilled and happy. Anyway it will be nice for the Doctor. I suppose they will live with him.

I went to our church Easter Sunday and represented the family with Florence & Nancy & Stuart. Uncle was up in the choir and they had a most elaborate service — a children's chorus quite a big one — all marching in two by two attired in black choir vestments & crisp white neck tie bows. A big orchestra and a big choir. Somebody did a lot of work —

I saw Mrs. Perine during the service but she did not sit in our pew and

I don't know where she went afterwards.

Alice Anderson has moved up to Bedford and taken everything out of the Llewellyn Park house. I suppose it's all right but I wish they could have waited awhile. It was done for the benefit of Alice Mary & Joan principally, I think — but Arthur was so blue last time he was here that he could hardly speak to anybody, and it leaves Mother Sloane pretty well stranded.

The Charlie Sloane's are having a hard time too. Adelaide is having a really bad nervous breakdown. It has been just one disappointment after another with them & she has stood it like a martyr and a saint until now — everything seems to have broken at once. She has just lost her nerve completely — and Charlie is not much help in a case like that.

This doesn't strike me as being a very cheerful letter so I'll end up on a more optimistic note. It seems that the exterior views of our house have been selected (among others) by the American Institute of Architects to go to the Exposition in Barcelona. Isn't that pleasant?

Bob Halprin wrote me to-day and I'll write him shortly giving all information. Politics are going very violently. John has to go to a meeting to-night again but I think I'll stay at home to conduct the last of the birthday celebrations.

Lots of love to you and Father.

Madeleine

The garden club up here is planning on your speaking to them at one of the fall meetings on your work with the gardens down there. Couldn't you get some pictures. You can have them colored easily, & have a regular lecture.

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- Pomeroy, Ralph Brouwer
- Walton, Florence Louise
- Miller, John Vincent
- Sloane, John Eyre
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- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
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Madeline

Sunday
April 27, 1930.

Darling Mother –

John and the boys are at church so I have a few peaceful minutes to write. No knowing when I'll have any more as our week seems very full ahead. You would laugh to see me joining the local political world! And I wish you were at home to give me some information about various people and institutions. Of course its about the last thing I would have chosen to be mixed up in but its better to be in than sitting alone doing nothing night after night while John is at these meetings etc. It has its interesting side too and promises to be really quite exciting in spots I find. This is quite a tough town – not at all like S.O. where everybody is perfectly well 2-572

Behaved. I keep my ears flapping wherever I go and have been able to pick up quite a little information here and there - There seems to be quite a situation with regard to various "speak-easies" who are running a certain candidate and who may give the other ticket a hard fight. There — There is a man named Andrew Owen running and there is some scandal about him.

I seem to remember dimly that when you were supporting Chauncey Owen for some job he had a hard time because of some scandal in his family. Can this be his brother?

Well, I'm giving a "Tea" at the Community House on Thursday for the women who are working. They wanted the hours from 2:30 to 5.

Can you imagine having Tea and 2-3/2

cake at two-thirty? Well I suppose its all right and one can eat anytime!

We are rejoicing in really the first day of Spring we've had. It and daylight Saving came in to-gether and its actually quite sunny and warm out doors.

We all went ~~into~~ in to the Philadelphia Concert Wednesday, and it was some concert!! Schoenberg first and Stravinsky last. The Schoenberg thing was really a short opera and beautifully staged by Mamoulian of the theatre field: I can't say much for the music but probably I'm no judge. The second thing was a ballet in two parts. The first part was simply unspeakable from my point of view. Ugly, and I thought extremely disagreable. I hope next time I hear that music it will be 2-3/2 unaccompanied by the strange sights that went with it on Wednesday. The second part was a little better. It was all interesting however and we had the extreme pleasure of sitting next to Mrs. Stockowski - who discoursed about her affairs in a loud tone and made it quite entertaining for us.

The Orange Flower Show is approaching but I ~~tru~~ trust I won't have to do much about that, though I have promised Jess to help her out by doing a tea table if she gets stuck and can't get anyone else. I think I am thoroughly fed up with Flower Shows. I can't seem to get up any enthusiasm for doing anything in that line. I suppose the taste may come back.

John and I are going to the Pomeroy's

to supper to-night and I wish I had one of those perfectly lovely dresses you sent me made up and ready to wear. They are lovely and just what I wanted and need. Thank you lots and lots.

B ~~ob~~ Halgrim wrote me and I wrote him a couple of days ago telling him our plans etc. and asking if he's going to stay up here for College or going back to Fort Myers. The R.R. fare is quite an item and would make some difference in the wages we could pay. I am waiting to hear from him.

Lena seems a good deal better and the Doctor thinks she can go home the first of the week. I am arranging for someone to go in two hours every morning and straighten out the house & get her hot lunch. It will cost $5 a week. The woman is out of a job at the moment so it will help two people. I hope this is what you wanted. Dinner will be ready in a minute so I'd better stop. Ever and ever so much love.

Madeline

I haven't seen any of the family recently except Uncle Phil. Carolyn came in for a minute some days ago. Says she is pretty tired.

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- Bredt, Edward Arthur
- Walton, Florence Louise
- Bradshaw, John Hammond
- Sloane, John Eyre
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Tilney, Frederick
- Morrow, Dwight Whitney

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Mother's Day.
May 11, 1930

Mrs. [illegible]

Darling Mother:

I was on my way to see Lena but discovered I had no time between this and church which would allow enough of a visit so I'm writing now and visiting later. We brought Lena home from the hospital where she has been under this Dr. Thompson's care. When she had been back a couple of days she had another bad attack at night and someone in the house called Dr. Bradshaw who came over in the middle of the night. She is now under his care, much to my relief, as I think she'll do better under him and I think she has more confidence in him. He, Dr. Bradshaw, says she is a very sick woman - and he thinks she is "breaking up" he says. She has enlargement of the heart or some heart affection. This bronchitis

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pleurisy and he thinks she may have a touch of T. B. We had to get a practical nurse to stay with her and she is there now. Lena wanted to get out of the hospital and the thought of the expense was worrying her. There is a good chance that she will have to go back however.

Dr. Bradshaw does not seem to think she will live so very much longer but of course she may go on in that condition for quite awhile. She doesn't seem so very sick — just failing.

The july weather we have been having has abated thank Goodness and we are having a little real Spring. Everything leaped into bloom at once though — so, as Florence Pomeroy says, we practically missed May.

Politics have been absorbing our entire

time and energy — John has been out almost every night and is tired to death. Thank goodness election is on Tuesday and it will all be over.

We are all wondering what you are going to do if Morrow comes out against Prohibition? I suppose that will be the next experiment.

We have Charles Sloane here for Sunday so the boys are happy. Adelaide is very ill. They are waiting for a bed to be available in the Neurological unit of the Medical Centre so as to take her in for observation under Dr. Tilney. A nurse stays with her all the time as in this sort of case the danger is that a person may commit suicide. Altogether it is very cheerful. Mother Sloane has the two little girls with her.

There was a party at the Lawn Tennis Club last night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Club and everybody was to go in the costume of the Elegant Eighties. Jess Bradt and Arthur came in to show us their costumes as we did not go. She wore one of the real genuine bathing suits of the period – the skirt was below the knees and the bloomers below that – black stockings + white shoes – a straw hat well anchored by a scarf completed the outfit which was all in bright red. She got the prize for the most amusing costume.

We learned to-day

I saw Leila this afternoon and she seems better. Quite a little better in fact.

The Flower Show comes this week and unfortunately the [illegible] do a tea table which I will have to assemble somehow – It is a silly thing it seems to me to have a vase of flowers ~~on~~ a tea table that you are putting in a garden - but I may be just queer. I think I'm thoroughly stale on Flower Shows and haven't an idea left.

Aunt Mary wanted us to motor up last Saturday & see her garden but we were so involved and tired we couldn't make it. It is really an awful trip to contemplate from here I think.

There is really not so very much to write about as life lately consists of about the same thing. If there is anything about the cost of sewers in West Orange or the state law about not exceeding the debt limit I could probably tell you as its about all I hear. You'd probably be interested in knowing that we have now three times as many street lights as of year too. Any little thing like that I can tell you but perhaps

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The meeting had better be adjourned

Ever so much love and I do certainly hope you'll come free 10th

That's bad enough!

Madeline

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- Sloane, Peter Edison
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- Fort, Franklin William
- Chubb, Alice Lee (Mrs Hendon)
- Norton, Katherine Garrison (Mrs Charles D.)
- Edison, Charles
- Lindbergh, Anne Morrow (Mrs Charles A.)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Bradshaw, John Hammond
- Sloane, John Eyre
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Chubb, Hendon
- Morrow, Dwight Whitney

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Mrs. Sloane

May 18, 1930.

Darling mother -

Sunday rolls around again and the family are occupied in various characteristic ways so that I have a little quiet in which to get off a letter to you. Since we made such a clean sweep for our candidates in the municipal election last Tuesday. John has become the boss of West Orange and is now off on a political discussion about various aspects of the police department. He swears it will not take the entire afternoon but I have my doubts. Election was very thrilling. I had to go to New York in the morning for a Rehearsal Club meeting and got home about one thirty - changed my dress and went down to the polling place in our district where I acted as "challenger" for about an hour and a half. The report came in then That Hutton Park was not voting as it should so Arthur Brest & I called up all kinds of people on the Telephone & tried to get them out. John stayed out all day working and didn't come home for lunch or dinner - Polls closed at eight and I knew the returns wouldn't be in much before 9;30 so I took a nap and then went down for a few minutes about ten. It looked like a pretty sure thing for our candidates and as the boys didn't want to go to bed till they heard who was elected I thought I'd best go home - which was just as well because John didn't get in till 3 A.M. - Laidlaw was the only one who came anywhere near our man - Mrs. Harlan made quite a poor showing and the rest were practically nowhere - so it was very satisfactory.

The next excitement is Morrow. I hope you heard his speech over the Radio. Franklin Fort's candidacy is going to make it very difficult to elect him and I think it was a poor thing for Fort to do - He will get all The Bone Dry vote and of course all the Speakeasies and bootleggers will vote for him because they like Prohibition - The Chubbs gave a tea yesterday for Mrs. Morrow at which Hendon gave a very good Speech and Mrs. Morrow herself spoke. She is charming - I should imagine very like her daughter Anne, and she described life in Mexico and at the Naval Conference in London most amusingly. Just at the end of her speech however she made one "bull" which I think a lady politician of her experience should not have made. She said that when she and Mr. Morrow were looking for a house at the beginning of his career - Katharine Garrison Norton said to her - "Why go to Englewood when there is such a place as Llewellyn Park? It's the only place near New York which is not suburban, where the people are intellectual, charming etc. etc." Considering that there were people present who came from almost anywhere around the Oranges and look at Llewellyn Park ~~when~~ with anything but a favorable eye anyway - I thought that was bad.

Peter is visiting to-day at Grannie's - having spent last night there - and has been calling up at intervals to know if we can't call for him an hour later than we planned. I think it has stretched to five o'clock now. Uncle wants us to stop in and observe his back yard with a critical eye - so will go there first if John ever gets the police straightened out in time to do anything -

John and I stopped in at Charles' after the Morrow tea yesterday. The Vans had just left after dumping the furniture and owners and furniture were in a state of exhaustion. I certainly think Carolyn will collapse entirely if she doesn't let up - She looks frightfully and Charles not much better. They have a perfectly stupendous thing to take care of in that house and I don't see how they are going to get away with it. Jack is there thank goodness. So they can eat, and he seems to wear a cheerful grin. Their maid Beatrice is sick and Carolyn has some maid there who has done general house-work but doesn't know very much about any one branch - However she also looks cheerful & good natured so perhaps she will be a comfort. They planted an entire forest of laurel and now a lot of it is dying because it didn't get the proper watering. Mr. Schmidt is ill and going to the hospital and apparently nobody else could turn the hose on - George Ashley's work is going on very well thank goodness and I think the rooms will be very attractive when finished - Carolyn seems pleased with them. If only he doesn't get temperamental or something and wipe the walls off so he can start over again it should be finished in there before long. Here is John so I'd better stop as we must get all our various pilgrimages in. Lena is much better. The practical nurse is still there and Dr. B. thinks there ought to be someone there nights to keep her cheerful and help her - Where to find anybody like that I don't know. Have you any suggestions? Come home soon. Lots and lots of love mother dear - and also to father.

Madeleine.

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FISHER'S ISLAND
NEW YORK

July 3 -

Darling Mother -

Just a line to tell you we are arrived and partially settled and everything seems to be working out well. I forgot to bring the life preservers so telephoned Jess to tell Katharine to send them up. We can telephone them & reverse charges as they are in the telephone business and it costs nothing. She said she would telephone you that night so I knew you had word

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of our safe arrival.

The boys seem to have got along very well and are quite brown even in this short time. They have the out board going and get great joy out of it apparently. The sailboat is rigged and we went for a short sail yesterday but to-day is a rather moist example in the way of weather. The first race is to-morrow so it is cause for lamentation that the sails cannot be stretched again To-day.

The house (or houses) are quite comfortable and we have a lovely porch looking out over the water. The little club seems to be very nice. Altogether it is about the most satisfactory place we have struck in our peregrinations – or at least it promises to be so.

FISHER'S ISLAND
NEW YORK

We are about to depart for the village - which consists of about three stores - for some needed accessories - and will post this.

Expecting you without fail on the eleventh. Will send suggestions as to train time later.

Lots of love to all -

Madeleine.

Madeleine wants me to come up to them on the 11th. She would love to have you but she thinks you might not like it. Would you motor up and bring me home. It is Fishers Island.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Edison Scholarship Contest
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
1930-08-02

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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Mrs Sloan
FISHER'S ISLAND
NEW YORK

August 2, 1930.

Darling mother:

Your scholarship excitement is now happily over and I do hope you are not all ~~thoroughly~~ exhausted! Jess and the girls arrived last night pretty much all in – They say it has been fearfully hot – even this last week – whereas we have been having quite cool weather. They also report that you had a more or less bearable day for the big buffet lunch etc. for which I am thankful.

We have been revelling in the delicious fruit

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especially yours truly who has consumed unnumbered nectarines and peaches. We managed to preserve the mammoth watermelon and are having it to-night for supper.

The boys and John are racing this afternoon, Peter and Bob watching from the Committee Boat – the girls playing tennis and Jess and I resting – Her recent experience with poison ivy and the heat seems to have used her up. I have seldom seen her look so badly.

How is Stuart? I am terribly sorry he had to end up his "vacation" like that. Probably all the rest Florence got will be neutralized – not to mention Uncle's long sojourn in this peaceful clime.

John expects to go home Monday for the rest of the week, coming back for the week end.

I have two luncheon invitations for next week so I'm leaving Jess stranded - I am not so keen about going myself - but if we are going to continue coming up here I suppose I might as well know some of the people.

We went with Mr. Keith to look over your "sites" the other day. We liked the one way out - the Horne property - I think it was - on the ocean side - but then we found a place we liked better than any you saw

when you can get a view of both sides
and yet are near the quiet water where
you can anchor boats. The lot we liked really
best is sold but there is one very much like it.
Thank you for getting my dress to Perine. - It
came back safely in the nick of time -
Jess and I are going back for the children so I'll
close this + mail. If you don't hear from me it's
because there is nothing on earth to write about
and anyway I thought you would be too busy
to read anything I might send. Will do better now.
lots + lots of love - How did Father stand the
strain?

Madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Times
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Sloane, Alice Mary, (Mrs Arthur Anderson)
- Roosevelt, Eleanor (Mrs Franklin D.)
- Sloane, John Eyre

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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Aug. 11, 1930

PRIVATE

Darling Mother—

I wrote you the enclosed long epistle thinking that John had told you our news as we had arranged before he left last week— now I find that some man was there all evening and he didn't have a chance to talk to you alone— So I am adding a few preliminaries to my letter—

We are expecting another baby about the first of January! It was somewhat unexpected and I think I'm pretty old but nevertheless things seem to be alright and I have felt very well— except as you noticed I get tired easily. It will be wonderful

2 stead of letters and nobody wants more. Your letters are grand and don't try to change them—

lots and lots of love. Madeleine.

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if it is a little girl and if it's a little boy —
well I love them all anyway — whatever they are.
my other letter goes more in detail
so I will refer you to that.
It is simply glorious up here to-day — cool and
sparkling and there is such a decided change in
the weather that I think you must have it too.
I certainly hope so.
Read the interview with you and Mrs. Roosevelt
in the Times Supplement and don't think it as
good as your own article or her lecture.
I hope you are enjoying Chautauqua and they
aren't running you to death.
Everybody is fine here and I hope it's doing them
all good. Our children are certainly growing — even
Peter whose stature we have been worried about.
In one of your letters you said something about
correcting the "English" in your letters. In the first
place it isn't necessary + in the second I wouldn't
do it for anything if it were. If letters aren't spontaneous
and written as you would talk they are no good —
Alice says she gets Essays from Allamaids —

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Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Miller, Nancy
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Edison Scholarship Contest
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1930-08-07

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Health and medicine

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FISHER'S ISLAND
NEW YORK

PRIVATE. August 7, 1930.

Darling Mother —

John gets back to-night so I'll have the latest news of you all and whether you are carrying out your Chautauqua plans in spite of heat etc.

By this time he has Told you our news and I hope it hasn't upset you. I was going to tell you when you were here but as you did not appear to suspect I thought I'd let it go until the Scholarship Thing was off your mind — Jess however, saw something in my face as near as I can make out — which convinced

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her the first moment she arrived – though she says my figure hasn't changed – But I thought if anyone could notice what was happening I wanted you to know immediately. Mother Sloane didn't notice anything either and I wanted to keep quiet about it as long as possible for I hate people talking me over and as you know I hate being fussed over because of my "condition" – the minute people know then they begin – I do wish I could have got away with Jess' visit but I suppose it is too much to expect as the baby is almost five months on its journey. It seems a good deal smaller than the others and perhaps it is a girl – wouldn't it be grand? –

Please don't tell anybody until necessary – probably another two weeks – then I don't think it matters as it will probably be too apparent to make secrecy possible - It was a considerable surprise to us to have this happen as I had given up and expected to be a lonely old lady at a very early date. I must say this will complicate my loneliness.

I am worried about the effects of this hear you and Father. Could you get him to come back up here when you come back from Chautauqua? Our lease runs till Sept. 15 but I don't expect to stay that long though of course the children want to.

am going to a large beach luncheon to-day and giving a very small one to-morrow myself at the Fishers Island Club.

The children are fine except that Ted had a terrible fight with Nancy because she wouldn't ride in the car with the beloved Ranger – and relations between them have been somewhat strained ever since. Ted lost his temper most thoroughly and has been quite unhappy about it since, though he refuses to apologize to Nancy. He has apologized to me and to Jess and I am not insisting on more as I think he may have had some right on his side. He is deeply offended for Ranger's sake however and very funny. He says he would prefer riding with "That dog" than with a great many people he knows!! This with a baleful glance. So long as Nancy feels that way about Ranger he will have nothing to do with her – ~~the~~ He is cut to the quick but I think things are smoothing out gradually.

I hope if you do go to Chautauqua your graduation will be a grand occasion - I feel that I should send you a graduation bouquet or a set of Browning or something. but I don't know how to get it there. Don't get too tired however with all the parties etc. you always have out there -

Tell Aunt Louise I met the mother of her Marian Nichols the other day and she is charming. The daughter must come by it naturally. They are relatives of the Nichols in the Park but don't look it.

We have been having it pretty hot even up here for the last day or two but it's beautiful to-day so I hope Orange has cooled off too.

Lots and lots of love to you and Father.

Madeline.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Lipton, Thomas Johnstone
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Health and medicine

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FISHER'S ISLAND
NEW YORK

August 15. 1930.

Darling Mother;

I am so glad you and Father are pleased - Somehow I was afraid you wouldn't be. Thanks a very great deal for your letter and Father's note. Tell him — I don't think that helps much but I'm willing to try!

It is exceedingly quiet here after the departure of the Bust family, and the cool weather has given a sort of end-of-the-season feeling to everything.

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It can't end too soon for me — although I have enjoyed this place more than any we've tried and the children cannot understand my "impossible" attitude. They would like to stay till Christmas at least. Veronica is here and everything is smoothed out in that line thank goodness. Her little girl is with her and makes a nice playmate for Peter. They seem to get along beautifully and as she is a quiet well behaved little thing it is all right.

When I get home of course I shall be short a waitress and I want to give Phoebe a vacation as she really hasn't had any time off and it has been rather strenuous. I think I shall get a temporary cook for a week. I plan to have the boys drive down about three days after us and I wonder if perhaps

Peter and John and I could stay over at Glenmont for a few days - if it is perfectly convenient. It seems to me now that Thursday after Labor Day - that is Sept. 4 - would be about as early as we could leave to escape the Labor Day Rush - Then we would be at Glenmont over that Sunday if you could have us. These plans and dates are only tentative as I haven't talked it over with John yet.

We wrote Sir Thomas Lipton and asked him over to lunch as he is supposed to be in New London off and on ~~[illegible]~~ supervising

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the 'Shamrock' — Of course I don't suppose he will come but maybe it will remind him of his invitation to sail on one of the try out races — which John would give anything to do. I suppose he can listen to the story of his working in Glasgow for half a poun' a week once or twice more in a good cause!

The household is sunk more or less in gloom to-day because poor little Ranger was run over by a truck yesterday and killed. It was not the driver's fault as he tried to be as careful as possible but Ranger *would* run out and bark furiously every time that particular truck came around. My heart was in my mouth more than once when he did it — and yesterday it happened. I think he was killed instantly. We were all on the porch and it gave me a horrible shock. Poor Ted was all broken up and in fact the whole house was upset. Everybody was fond of the poor little thing. (Ted is alright this morning but his temper is very uncertain.) It is astonishing how you miss that little black presence around the place. He always came running to meet us wagging his little stumpy tail. I can't get over losing him.

We shall probably miss the movies of your graduation as they don't always have the news reel here - much to my disgust. The young gentleman have announced that they are going to the theatre only three times this week so that narrows the chances even more. Did they take any still life photographs?

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I do hope Father is alright again.

I am going to make two more formal calls if its possible to arrange the schedule this afternoon and then I hope my social duties will be over for the season - Peter has invited Blanca over however and that generally means that no one has much of a chance to do anything but look after their majesties.

Lots of love to you and Father - am certainly glad I'll be seeing you soon -

Madeleine.

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Author
Edison, Madeleine

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Lipton, Thomas Johnstone
- Sloane, Adelaide Kernan (Mrs Charles O.)
- Hart, Katherine
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Halgrim, Robert C
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1930-08-25

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Labor
- Property
- Health and medicine

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Mrs Sloane

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Fisher's Island.
August 25. 1930.

Darling Mother -

This is a day of heavy fog - the worst we have had - nothing much to do and the young fry very noisy - having imported a few extra from the neighborhood - The sun, however, is doing its best, and I hope by noon to get them all packed off to the beach. We have had really a very poor assortment of weather lately - ever since Veronica arrived in fact. The wretched Dorothy seems to have got all the good out of the summer - nicely escaping the heat and

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also the storms up here lately. Nobody can tell me that virtue is rewarded in this world.

We are planning to come home Thursday after Labor Day if we can get accommodations etc. Are planning to leave the boys up here over Sunday and let them drive down on Monday with Bob.

I have written Kathryn Hart to be at the house either Friday or Saturday or both so that we can get the trunks unpacked before the boys strike us. Then if Peter and John and I can be sheltered and fed at Glenmont over Sunday I feel that the house can be pretty well settled before the whole family assembles in it - Are you sure it will be perfectly convenient to have us?

I shall certainly be glad to get home though I like it up here better than

any summer place I've been to so far.
About the doctor I'm going to - I went at the very first
to Dr. Bingham but though I am devoted to the gentleman I
hate that Memorial Hospital and also I think he is a little bit
casual. I don't want Dr. Parker and Dr. Dorman as you know
is dead. So I have been going to another specialist in New York
who is a little younger than Dr. Dorman but trained under
Dr. Craigin as he does - He is an old fuss but yet I think but
I would rather have that than the casualness. I think
I will go to New York - possibly to the Doctors' Hospital. There
is a hotel part in that where you can stay until wanted elsewhere
and where your family can stay - I do not like the atmosphere
at the Memorial - nor the nurses - most of them - and I don't want
to go there. I would like to have Dr. Bingham but I think this
Dr. Ryder is safer - perhaps - at my time of life. He is one of the
best obstetricians in New York and I think it pays to have the
best you can find. I suppose too it is safer for me to go to a
hospital - it is certainly easier. I haven't broken the news to
Dr. Bing yet that I am going to a New York Doctor but as I haven't
been back since my first visit to him - perhaps he suspects it.
John will probably see you to-night to tell you the results
of our investigations as to land up here - He plans to come back
Wednesday night as they have scheduled a sailing race for almost
every afternoon over the week-end holiday and it certainly makes a
poor afternoon for me. So he was coming up early to be with me
on Thursday. Now the sailing master has called a race for
this afternoon to make up one that couldn't be sailed

because of bad weather and the boys
are in the depths of gloom because their
Father isn't here and they think they will
lose all chances of winning the series.
They are so downcast about it that I
suggested they tell the sailing master
that John will be here Thursday and see if
they can't put it off till then - which
of course dishes "mother's day." Such
is life!

I have just regretted an invitation
to luncheon I had for that day which
makes it even nicer -

We asked Sir Thomas Lipton over to
luncheon here - thinking he might be
knocking around New London seeing about
the refitting of the Shamrock which has been
going on over there. However we saw
the Shamrock and the Erin go by on
Thursday while we were at lunch - on

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their way to Newport so we knew
that was all off -
next day however. Got a very nice note
from Sir Thomas regretting that he couldn't
come and asking if we would "care" to see
a race or two from the Erin during the
Challenge Races - Of course its the one
thing John would give his eye teeth to see
So I have accepted for him with bells
on - while sending my own sincerest
regrets. I thought it would be too hard
for me and anyway it will be another
three weeks and I didn't think I'd be
comfortable about my figure by that time.
If it weren't for that I certainly would try
it as I imagine it will be a great sight.
Anyway I'm delighted John can have the
experience - I suppose he has asked you
Is there any chance of your going? I suppose
Father wouldn't go but you could take John as
escort. He wants to see the first race

On September 13th if possible -

Your whistling butler sounds delightful - anyway its a cheery
sound around the house! I do hope little Sydney is out of danger.
I didn't know people could die of asthma. Thought it was terribly
unpleasant but not dangerous.

Your grandsons are steadily growing out of all sleeves and
trouser legs. I think they have all gained in weight and should
have a fine start for the arduous duties of school.

Mother Sloane writes that Adelaide is worse if anything - and that
she will be at least 18 months at Bloomingdale. Charlie is
sending the two little girls to a convent school and Charles to
boarding school. It certainly is tragic.

A letter from Alice says that Alice Mary is coming home a month
early from Europe as she isn't well - Apparently has been miserable
all summer. Alice herself has had a summer full of trials and
tribulations - not terribly serious but none the less ~~and~~ irritating.
It seems to be an '71 year.

I wrote and asked Rachel if she could by any chance come up here
over Labor day. She will not expect to be terribly active and
we ought to be able to have a nice visit - Being alone all the
time is rather bad for me I think as I get very depressed - though
I get tired if I try to do too much or see too many people also.

Will see you soon I hope. The children are moaning about it
but I am full of hurrahs inside at leaving for home.

Lots of love to you and Father -

Madeline.

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Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Sloane, Michael Edison
- Ryder, Dr
- Edison, Madeleine
- Sloane, John Eyre

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Miss Milmont. Night nurse. Regent 4-4600
Miss Miller - Day nurse.

Baby born 10.30 - 10.26 by John's watch
Thursday. Jan - 8th 1931.
Madeleine suffered 2 - 10. 30.
Intensely from 8.30 - 10.30.
Dr. Ryder Obstetric physician.
Allowed me room 721. Most Comfortable.
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THE HARBOR
667 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

DATE Jan 8th 1931

CHARGE TO

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison Llewellyn Park
West Orange N.J.

ROOM NO. 721

PARTICULARS		
One night after the birth of Mrs. John E. Sloane's little boy. Jan 8th 10.30		

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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NO TELEGRAM OR LETTERS FROM YOU IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT BUSY HERE GETTING SETTLED SO HAVE NOT WRITTEN EVERYBODY FLOURISHING PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION IN MY LETTER ABOUT FATHERS OPINION HATE TO GO AGAINST HIM BUT ALSO HATE TO GIVE IT UP PLEASE GIVE US A RAY OF HOPE HOLDING UP SEVERAL ARRANGEMENTS LOVE FROM ALL=

MADELINE.

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Edison, Madeleine

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Sloane, Michael Edison
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Sloane, Thomas O'Conor
- Sloane, Charles O'Conor
- Von Hofe, Frederick H
- Yardley, Farnham
- Harbor (Hospital)
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Bredt, Edward Arthur
- Edison Pioneers
- Ambrose, Elmina
- Walton, Edith S
- Anderson, Alice Mary (Allamaidy)
- Eyre, Edward
- Eyre, Gladys Mary
- Brown, Harriet Irene
- Edison, Charles
- Walker, Lily
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Eastman, George
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Given, Mary Elizabeth
- Jenkins, Harriet Mullett, (Mrs Farnham Yardley)
- Jenkins, Annie Gray (Mrs Alfred B.)
- Chalmers, Thomas Hardie

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Please return,

THE HARBOR
667 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Feb. 13, 1931.

Darling mother and Father —

It is so long since I have written that I feel it will require parcels post to carry all the news but I really have not been able to concentrate on anything but problems immediately demanding solution – since leaving the hospital. It is quite a transition from being the "pampered patient" to my proper sphere as Chief of the

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Kitchen police and I have had moments of considering whether it might not be possible to take some comfortable ailment for the rest of my life - but I've given it up as impracticable!

First let me say that Miss Given has been a god send, and I can't tell you how grateful I am to have her. It was pretty hard right after getting back - as things had accumulated and the Baby's routine had to be adjusted to the rest of the household and my mind wasn't tracking any too well. She is still doing the orders for me and attending to all sorts of little things.

The second piece of good luck is that

Dr. Von Hofe found us an excellent nurse for the baby - one Elvina Ambrose Tilden had for some time. She came up and went over things carefully with Miss Muller so the change was accomplished without any ructions and Baby is fine. Miss Muller had another case coming and wanted a few days off to recuperate from her arduous (?) duties out here - and as she asked ten dollars a day and would not touch a diaper for cleansing purposes - I was not loath to see her depart. This one is far less expensive and will occasionally do somethi-. Miss Muller was an excellent nurse but she certainly demanded an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and I got so mixed in the head from trying to make all my statements scientifically accurate that I still stutter occasionally. She was strong for the truth &

nothing else but! I wish you'd ask Father if he isn't the person who in early youth came in and told his mother he had seen some forty cats in the back yard and was kept in the closet two days for exaggerating? I'd like to think there was some precedent for my occasional lapses!

We did not go "pioneering" this year and I think Uncle John and Florence were the sole representatives except for Tom & Beatrice — for this side of the Hudson — and that brings me up to yesterday when Baby was christened amid much pomp & ceremony - I wish Bogie had been here to tell you about it - She saw only the rough sketch of the decorations so to speak — It was really quite lovely finally. We took our prie-dieux from Glenmont and put it where the sofa usually is and behind it hung the Italian brocade which I got Allamaidy to purchase for me last year in Italy. John spent the evening before the party lashing it to a stick so it would hang straight, and wouldn't listen to my pleas that he nail it on., You should have seen him laboriously sewing with a regular sail maker's thread about two yards long while I sat and jeered at him — However it looked very well when finished.

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We put the Bohemian lace peasant apron Mrs. Waitt gave me once, over the top of the prie-dieux and used my own old silver porringer for the water. Anne was Godmother and Tommy Chalmers Godfather on one side while Gladys Eyre was the other Godmother and Teddy was proxy for Uncle Ned Eyre - the other Godfather. Anne held the baby - with much inward trepidation but more or less outward calm - You should have seen her look of panic when she found out she was to do it. Tommy passed the candle which all the Godparents ~~[illegible]~~ put their hands on at one point - and ~~which~~ said candle was put in the candlestick that was Uncle Ned's wedding present to us.

Grandmother's roses were in The room and I wore
my "three sisters" pendant, and you and Father attended
the ceremony from The piano in The guise of that photograph
I had in The hospital. I tried to get everybody in you
see. Father Connor was very nice and let me have
my own way about all details which made it much
nicer [illegible] than it has been at other times - also I was
feeling much stronger than has usually been The case -
I tried to give the other two boys some special job so
- They wouldn't feel that Teddy was having it all to do.
Jack was to look after Father Connor and Peter had in
charge three ladies - Mother Sloane - Mrs. Jenkins and
Mrs. Marck - whose coats he carried upstairs and for
whom he found chairs - This worked beautifully until
Mother Sloane moved from The chair where Peter had
put her - and he came to me in anguish and tears so I
had to go and get her to move back again. Our
family was not represented by great numbers but
what was there was very excellent. Of course with
Charles on The Ocean - Carolyn in N.Y. and so many
all scattered to The ends of The earth - a large attendance couldn't be
expected - Even Theodore didn't show up but he
has so much work and is tired and it really couldn't
be expected of him I suppose - though we missed him -
Anne - Uncle and Florence therefore were The sum
total. Then we asked The Yardleys - Bredts - May Vincent
Mrs. Marck - (She poured tea for me) Mrs. Jenkins. Anna
- Irene Brown - Edith Walton - The Barretts - The

Stewart Firths of course - Mother and Father Sloane and Charlie - Lily Walker the Jamisons - + a few others. We had about 35 in all - a very nice tea afterwards and not a single sandwich left! Miss Given was a tower of strength all morning - Then went back to Maplewood and changed into party clothes and came back to the festivity - Tommy dashed out minus lunch and dashed back after dinner - He is now with

Pathé news reel and has to work four nights a week till midnight or after. He looks tired — everybody does; - that is all the men. Father Connor sat down at the piano and played; and the cause of all this slept peacefully after the excitement after roaring lustily as soon as his name was mentioned during the ceremony.

We have had a hectic time with the newspapers — They seem to be perfectly frantic for news of this youth. Apparently They haven't anything else to write about - We had refused everybody photographs also. telephoned about it when three men

drove up without telephoning and then there seemed
to be nothing else we could do. I posed with the
baby twice and the nurse held him once and the
pictures are probably terrible beyond words and will
all be published as usual - terrible or not. Of course
we probably won't see them until they use them and I
providing they want to use them I suppose they will -
I shall never recover from the portrait of me in the
group at Mr. Eastman's — Of course it's a purely personal sorrow!
I feel quite well to-day after all the tearing around
yesterday but am keeping rather quiet. The boys have
gone to a dog show in Newark - They are fine (boys not dog show)
I think Uncle John looks like the dickens. I certainly
hope he can get away for a rest before long -
Talked to Carolyn this morning. She had just had a
cable from Charles saying he had arrived safe + well -
The newspaper men took a picture of the living room
which they *said* they'd send me. If so I'll send it on
down. Tell Father that he need not worry about
Michael not liking his name when he grows up
because he has two chances on another. The birth
certificate is registered in the name of
Michael, Nicholas, Samuel, Edison Sloane —
and that is his legal name so if he wants to
change he can. It is a simple matter to take any
one he pleases. That was a *beautiful* birthday
bouquet you sent him — lots + lots of love to you both
Madeleine.

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- New York Times
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- Ryder, Dr
- Humphrey, Lucius Daniel
- Walton, Florence Louise
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Howe, Hubert Shattuck
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Given, Mary Elizabeth

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[ca Feb 24, 1931]

Darling Mother and Father -

This really should be an anniversary letter but will probably be late - I have so many gifts to young Michael to be acknowledged that I hardly have time to write anything else - To-days loot was two beautiful knitted blue caps - (which makes him rate about a dozen of that garment) and a pot of jonquils - He calmly sucks his thumb and looks as sleepy as a Supreme Court justice while mama does all the work.

He is gaining enormously and weighs over ten pounds - To-day we were able to get him out in the carriage awhile which has been impossible on account of the bad weather lately. It always does him a lot of good so he'll probably weigh eleven pounds to-morrow - at the least.

Uncle John and Florence have had some sort of brain storm and have invited the three older boys over to their house for Sunday dinner!!! Whether Glenside Road survives remains to be seen -

Ted + Jack are riding to-night in their mounted troops and John has gone over to get them. That seems to be quite an affair and they look simply too beautiful for words in their uniforms and riding boots, Ted is an especially good rider and consequently gets all the worst horses to ride because he can manage them. and though of course his ma is very proud of such prowess it has its drawbacks. They are quite a sight all those youngsters when they really get the drill going - and they look so attractive.

We sent you the photograph of the little altar for Michael's Christening which the newspaper men took on the day of the celebration. Hope it doesn't get mixed with a thousand other things so that you never see it.

Went in to see Carolyn the other day when I went for my last appointment with Dr. Ryder. She seems to be quite bright and cheerful and I think its doing her good. I didn't stay very long because Dr. Horn and some friend were there and anyway I had a lot of things to do so I couldn't. Dr. Ryder finds everything O.K. with me so that's that. I feel rather sorry to say good-bye to him. He's a nice man - I wish if you have any influence with Margaret's family that you'd suggest they take her to see him for an examination - I'd bet dollars to doughnuts there's been something wrong with her insides since the miscarriage she had - or maybe been before.

John spent the day yesterday at the trial of one of the West Orange police men who had an altercation with a lady who had previously attracted him - with dire results to the lady. The proceedings entailed a good deal of noise - with dire results to the gentleman, who is now up "on charges" before the police Commissioner and will probably lose his job - with dire results to his wife and two or three children. John had to go and hold the police commissioner's hand so I went to the theatre with Jess and Anna in Newark. It was not a particularly good play but it served to pass the time and Anna said my enthusiastic applause showed that I had spent some dull weeks in a hospital recently. People do not seem to have the least idea of how exciting hospitals really are.

A most horrible picture of the baby and me appeared in the Jersey Supplement of the Times this morning. They had a much better one but of course didn't use it. I have always hoped that my life would not include portrayal in the Jersey Supplement but this is apparently not my year for hoping. And as all newspaper pictures of me seem to have the same general aspect I am beginning to fear that I must really look like that. This particular portrait looks a little like Mussolini I am proud to say. It must be my Roman nose.

On the other hand the picture of you and Father I thought was rather good though your Red Cross photograph fellow had a certain sternness about it. Three times in one Sunday Edition for the family ~~was~~ going some I should say!

There is nothing much to report about the world in general. Peter is to have a party on his birthday if it can be managed and I think we had better make Ted's a theatre party so that the entourage doesn't die of making too much birthday cake. Jack has just written a most exhaustive treatise on fish which is really quite a masterpiece of clarity of expression - I don't know just what he expects to do with it but it's really very good. Anne has been angelic enough to come up several times and practice with Peter

whose musical furore has somewhat abated - as furores sometimes do when accompanied by five finger ~~[illegible]~~ exercises.

The "given child" as Bogie calls her has been a source of great joy to me as well as very helpful. She is quite unusual and I have become quite fond of her - though I don't think being a secretary is exactly the job for her - She is too much of an individual -

Alice & Florence Pomeroy have just come back from a glorious vacation in Jamaica and other places. They flew from Jamaica to Miami and had the time of their lives apparently. Lucius & Sam, was in San Juan with his yachting party - I wonder if he saw Aunt Louise & Rachel -

The children should be coming home so I'll close before I'm interrupted again. Ever and ever so much love, and many congratulations on your 44th or is this the 45th?

Madeleine.

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- Sloane, Peter Edison
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- Miller, Nancy
- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Fort, Leslie Runyon
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Given, Mary Elizabeth

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Llewellyn Park
West Orange.
March 8, 1931 -

Darling mother and father;

You needn't think you are getting all the bad weather down there - to-day is simply terrible - wind and rain since early morning shading into snow and now fog. However we do need it for the water supply so "rain is our choice" -

Peter's party almost prostrated the four able bodied females who attended as guardians - we had fourteen wild indians of approximately eight years of age and it took the combined energies of Miss Given, Jeas, Anne and myself to keep the roof over our heads. Every child should have one birthday party to remember but I waited too long with this one - The age of six is more easily handled. However I think the children had a good time. Miss Given

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worked out a marvellous "Treasure hunt" with a gory pirate story - a map in which the house was metamorphosed into an island, and "clues" which eventually lead to a tub full of bags of marbles - under the stairs. We were going to have a movie show with Jack as demonstrater but found at the last minute that we couldn't make the room dark enough so had to give it up - which caused most of the confusion as we had counted on it. Well, we all lived through it anyway though I must say I was exhausted next day and stayed in bed most of it.

Thank you ever so much for the grand present of gold pieces - I put Teddy's in a box marked "Sheer chiffons" which had contained stockings - and he was much alarmed.

Miss Given and I have parted reluctantly (she says) on her part. I really haven't enough for her to do and anyway I think she ought to get something more suited to her talents. She has been an invaluable half

Tell Bogie those orange blossoms she enclosed in her letter were the loveliest things! They are still fragrant.
I forgot to say that I saw one of those big olive jars (for the garden) like mine in at the Pascals if you still want one.

and I thank you ever so much for the loan of her but now there is
no need and having so many around is more confusing than anything..
We have put her in touch with the editor of a new magazine which is
starting here in Jersey - and I hope she'll be able to get some job on that -
She has done some quite remarkable illustrating and really should be
in some such work. Leslie Fort is printing the magazine and the picture
of the court of this house is to be the cover of the first number. The
editor of it went in to see John and that is how we were able to put her
in touch with him.

Now I want to get Gordon Pascal a job. They are having a very hard
time - The antique business having gone perfectly flat. They had been doing
very well up to the crash and since then of course nobody is buying anything.
Helen has some decorating jobs that would tide them over but they don't
think they will have the money to finance them - It would only take $6,000
but they have no security to offer and banks will not lend it that way of
course. It seems pretty dreadful to go on the rocks for $6,000 when you have
the work in sight. Gordon now wants to get a job but heaven knows
what at. Things are pretty fierce for some people up here.

John went down to Trenton the other night on some political meeting and
said the place was full of communists milling around in front of the State
House shouting "To Hell with Charity! We want free water, gas and
electricity" and they also wanted $15 a week from the State I believe.

Uncle John and Florence have gone up to Boston leaving Nancy and
Stewart to the tender mercies of Anna. They have asked various relatives
to call up at stated intervals and communicate with the Hub in case of
Battle, murder or any other untoward circumstances. My day is to-morrow.

Michael continues to be a very good boy. Strong as an ox and pulls
everything to pieces he can lay hands on. A beautiful clean sheet in the
morning looks like a dish rag by night. Eyes are definitely blue, and hair I
can't be sure about yet. He is the tallest baby I ever saw - just goes on
and on indefinitely. He is beginning to notice things and smile and make funny
little baby noises. He continues to receive on the average of one cap a day.
Jack has written a very elaborate treatise on fish & has compiled a volume of information
on this car. Both very good. Lots of love to you all. Madeleine.

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- Newark News
- Sloane, John Edison
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Ford, Henry
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

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Sunday · March 15-
1931.

Darling Mother and Father:

The news from the Sloane family may be put briefly thus:

Pa and Ma. O.K.
T. + P. O.K. for the moment.
M. very much O.K. weight 11 pounds - and going strong. Plays unceasingly with rattle attached to side of crib - so that when sleep is desired rattle must be removed in order that he can concentrate.
J. at present sick in bed with grippe - but gaining fast. Osteopath, regular physician, nurse and devoted mother + father in charge. Is expected to recover in time for next drill of mounted Troop.

So much for the immediate family. Affairs in the household are not so flourishing.
Wednesday morning loud sobs and shrieks were heard from the servants wing after a

Telephone call, and it appeared ~~that~~ Violet's
husband with whom she hasn't been living for
some time, was in the hospital in Newark –
very badly hurt. We thought at first he had
been run over by an automobile but later found
he had been hit over the head by some
kind friend and all his papers and money
taken. He had been unconscious since
Monday but they hadn't been able to find out
who he was till Wednesday. She of course
rushed right down and came back for a minute
yesterday to get her clothes (and some money) –
Reports that he is still unconscious (how do you
spell that) – but that he may pull through and
be a ~~pal~~ paralytic all his life. Of course the
colored exaggerate so much you can't tell a
thing about it. I think the man drank, though
he seems to have been able to hold a good
job – Well anyway Violet was a complete
wreck and I told her to stay out till
Wednesday – I am giving a party Tuesday,
a very small and informal Bridge in honor

of mother Sloane's birthday, and I thought it would only confuse things to have her here. We have been getting in extra people to help but of course things are always upset that way. However I am getting used to the fact that no matter when I start giving a party it is the direct signal for some calamity — though the skies may have been of the most limpid and cloudless blue — for weeks beforehand.

John has been asked to take the Chairmanship of the Regional Planning for Essex County - as a branch of the national board or whatever it is - anyway the main squeeze in New York - He has not yet decided if he'll do it but they have sent him a long list of everybody suitable in all the towns for ~~workers~~ heads of the committees - Your name appears, mother, with this comment:

Mr. Thomas A. Edison - suggested by Mr. Jones.
(Fine Leader)

See what a reputation you've got! This is

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The Thing Charles Norton started in N.Y.
It ties in with Chamber of Commerce Beautificati
etc. Isn't it funny how that sort of thing
dogs me all my life when I hate it so? I think
it's grand in theory but I simply can't get up
any enthusiasm about being mixed up in it — and
it seems to me I just go from one —
Regional Planner to another so to speak. Ann
is trying to get me to go to meetings of the Thing
she took over for you — & suggested in an
evil moment that they ought to make a park
& sort of hanging garden ~~out~~ of the Quarry at
the top of Mt. Pleasant — no Northfield - road.
and I'd like to make a garden of a quarry
and she jumped at it and said I could do it.
Sooner or later I suppose I'll have to get into
it if you are all going to spend your lives
thus. It would be fun to make that garden
if I was ~~got~~ given carte blanche and plenty of
money to do it with — but if I've got to include
Mr. Williamson's favorite flower and the local
architects designs and a few other people's thoughts
on rock gardens I don't think I'll have such

a whale of a time. The truth is that I was
never made to work on committees and like
Mr. Ogden Stewart – "I do not love my fellow-man"!
Carolyn says Charles sailed yesterday on the
"Saturnia" – Cosulich line. He is taking the
Southern route and will be ten days on the boat
which ought to give him a good rest. It's a lovely
boat. I went all over her sister ship the
Vulcania – the year Alice and I had a pipe
dream of spending the summer abroad – or at
least I had the pipe dream and she spent the
Summer – Carolyn has been in New York
a good deal so I haven't seen her – She has
been with the Firestones and went in again
yesterday – Russell does not seem to be in
Such good condition.
There was a very attractive picture of you in the
Newark News driving a race horse at the
Firestone place. You looked as if you were
having a grand time and doing it to the
Queen's taste – Father appeared in the

Times this morning - consulting with mr. T.
on what appeared to be the running board of a
car. At any rate we follow you in pictures.

Nancy and Stewart seem to have survived
their parent's Boston trip and what is still more
remarkable Anna seems to have survived it too.
I haven't seen aforementioned parents but from
what I gleaned over the telephone the wedding
was beautiful and they had a fine time.

Ted and Peter are at mother Sloane's for dinner
to-day as Charles is home from the Easter vacation.
We pick them up after luncheon for a trip to
Bernardsville - where John talks business - the
young look at cows and various other attractions
of a stock farm. and Heaven knows what I do.
Dorothy Ford is also accompanying her
husband and son so probably we will smoke
cigarettes to-gether. I find that smoking fills
in quite a lot of time really. It would be alright
if they'd let me listen to the business conversation
- but I hate cows.

Ted and Jack are violently interested in their Mounted Troop. Various factions of Parents have been engaging in a private war with the original director of the organization and such a tempest in a tea pot I never have heard. It is too long a story to go into but the director acted like a six year old child and is now finally replaced by another. I went to one meeting with John and found myself one of four women among some twenty men. I have heard mothers being motherly before but I'd never heard fathers being fatherly and it was a revelation. They were all so mad and so funny I had a terrible time keeping properly solemn — In fact more than once a large grin overspread my features. I didn't know men could get that way. Once I thought two of them were going to go for each other. It was too lovely. And I didn't know there was that much plain speaking left in the world. I had a perfectly gorgeous time.

I'd better close this as dinner will be ready shortly. John is supposedly reading to Jack while I write this but has been called away twice for political dissertations over the phone. Jack is a very patient listener. About as far as I ever get is a page at a time.

lots of love to you all and hope it has warmed up down there.

Madeline.

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- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Sloane, Michael Edison
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- Edison, Charles
- Sloane, John Eyre
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[March 29, 1931]
Palm Sunday.

Darling Mother and Father:

At last Spring seems to have some intention of visiting these parts and to-day is lovely and mild if somewhat dampish underfoot after much needed rain. Things are popping in the garden – our lawn is covered with some delightful looking black "humus" and we are considering the planting of a new apple tree – in short everything is advancing, including Michael and Teddy's embryonic mustache!

The two older boys went with us for a walk this morning when we stopped in to see Charles and Carolyn – It was my first sight of the returned traveler and we wanted to hear his saga first hand. He seems to have had a most interesting time and has come back with a great respect for English law and lawyers. It must have been quite an experience, and they got a good deal of pleasant doings in beside the business, spending quite a few days in Paris. I imagine he will write you all about it so I won't try to describe it second hand.

Anne and I went yesterday to hear Peter perform on the organ at one of Mr. Gilbert's pupil recitals. He and one of the tallest and oldest pupils were the only organ players and it was a funny contrast. Several of the children had a terrible time due to stage fright but Peter was as composed as usual, took his time and got through perfectly well. I complimented him afterward about getting along so nicely at his first public appearance and he rejoined "You forget, mother, that I was in the circus at school" ——

Ted and Jack are having a great thrill out of this mounted troop they are in and it gets them out of the house every Saturday at about five o'clock. They take their supper and do scout work first and the riding afterward - getting home about nine.

Jess Brett and I went in to New York on a bat by ourselves the other night. We had the Theatre Guild tickets for the "Miracle of Verdun" which was not much of a miracle incidentally - very modern and didn't quite get over - pretty bad in spots in fact. Then we stayed overnight at the Bryn Mawr Club after seeing another play in the evening. We decided we wanted to see Katharine Cornell in the "Barretts of Wimpole Street" which is about Elizabeth and Robert Browning - and as it is one of the most popular things in town we had a lovely time shopping for tickets - Finally, after great difficulty got two single seats at opposite ends of the 1st row balcony. These we promptly took to the Box office and asked with tears in our eyes if they couldn't do better for us.

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They said leave the tickets and if any better and bigger seats come in you shall have them. We did, and in the end got wonderful seats right back of each other in the sixth and seventh rows. It pays to take your troubles to the Box Office apparently.

It seems that Aunt Mary and Uncle Will send Marianne a check for her birthday with the idea that she should give a family party with it. This I consider very nice for the family but rather tough for Mary Anne.

I have the box for the Philadelphia next time as you know, and am asking the Farrs, Elsa (Denison) Voorhees, Tommy, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tucker of N.Y. Also Una and Florence are coming to the dinner we are having for the Box party. Mrs. Farr, sad to say, has a cold and doesn't think she can be present so I guess I'll ask Dora Barstow or Edith W.

I am sending you a small Easter remembrance. It looked so pretty and bright and I hope it will be useful. But I don't know — so many pretty and bright things aren't. However it will bring our wishes for a Happy Easter.

Michael is getting fine and big. He is still quite a solemn youth but will smile charmingly on occasion. You apparently did not see our portrait in the public press. You apparently are also the only one who missed it — worse luck. I will enclose one if I have an extra and let you judge for yourself if we don't look like Italian primitives.

A real photograph is supposed to be taken about a week from now whose destination is said to be "Town & Country" or "Spur" so if they are any good I'll send you one of those.

Charles James Fox presented me with an enlargement of the picture he took of the three boys on the stairs here. It is really very nice, and I'm delighted to have it. This is the second time he's presented me with an extra special portrait of some sort — very pleasant but mystifying.

Peter informed me he wished we could go somewhere and see something interesting this vacation! He suggested Florida. I wish we could fly down or something — probably in a few more years it will be quite possible. I'm glad to know anyhow that I've got one child with the wanderlust like his mother. However his mother seems to be losing hers due to lack of exercise! Probably all that will be left is a sympathy for the feeling pretty soon — and I won't even care about being wheeled about to places of interest in a chair.

There really is very little news to tell you outside the family. Nothing much seems to happen in the immediate vicinity except that everybody has had at least one session of the Grippe. Ted started in Wednesday night but we doctored him so violently that we broke it up in about a day.

John is very much involved with business and political excitements, and everybody else I know is looking for a job and that's about the extent of the news - foreign and domestic.

We are driving over to see Mother Sloane this afternoon — if she's in. She has been up here and telephoned etc. and we are always out - The news from Adelaide isn't very encouraging. She is improving but very slowly and the doctors tell Charlie it will be another three years they think before she is well. It's heart breaking.

Peter has gone to the Gordon's to play baseball with everybody his age - from Ralph Osborne and Kenneth Gordon down. Even Dr. Pierce was playing last Sunday. The older boys won't

go but Peter has a wonderful time.
I think however we will take a turn
around there to see that he wasn't eaten
up by a dog on the way over as he
went on the journey alone -

Lots and lots of love to you all -
and Happy Easter to everybody.

Madeleine.

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[APRIL 5, 1931]
Easter Sunday.

Darling Mother and Father:

The Radio is going a mile a minute directly opposite my left ear so if this gets a bit too melodious you'll know why. Peter is celebrating the occasion by spending the day in bed so we have him down in the guest room nearer the centre of things. It's another cold - not so serious this time - but annoying to say the least. It has been raw and chilly in spots these past few days and a lot of rainy weather. You simply cannot follow the child around with rubbers every minute and during the warm intervals he peels off most of his outer clothing and then gets chilled. What to do? Just pray is all I can see.

Miss Thornberry departed for church at eight this morning so I bathed young Michael for the first time. I didn't drown him but I did get the water too hot and was warned of impending scalding by seeing his mouth droop suspiciously at the corners. He is getting very pretty and weighs 12 lbs. 2½ ounces. Quite a solemn youth still although in his merry moods he makes the greatest noise crowing you ever heard. His is a good robust sense of humour that needs something tangible to laugh at – nothing too whimsical. He'll probably enjoy good vaudeville when he gets older – but a Barrie play will leave him cold.

Our dinner and concert party went off very well except that we were late so that Uncle John and Florence had to wait outside till the intermission. They were the last to get to the dinner party however so they couldn't hold it against us too much. Tommy Chalmers was late because he went to West 58th instead of East and found himself in a "Funeral Home" — but we didn't wait for him. It was quite a nice Concert. Brahms and Wagner. Tommie says Stokowski is a "lousy" Wagner conductor but the rest of us couldn't see anything wrong with his efforts. After the concert some of us went down to Tommie's apartment for beer and crackers and a spirited discussion of most of the plays in town. after which we went on home.

We have retrieved the Tickets for the thing Stokowski is doing at the Metropolitan on April 22. It is Stravinsky and will probably be awful but one should be educated as to modern Trends I feel — however painful it may be. I hope you didn't want to sell these particularly. If so let me know and I'll send them back — 2-5-42

Friday, our cousin Hazel has invited us up to New Haven for dinner and a dance - Hazel Edison in case you don't place her. The Steve Kelseys are going and we will all go up together I imagine. It is the opening of some new Club house where the 'elite of New Haven congregate.

The enclosed is a copy or rather the original document, I left at Peter's bedside ~~[illegible]~~ Past night with a basket of contributions from the Easter. Bunny. Peter's reply will be found by diligent search. I send it to show the difference in loquacity between the old and the new generation -

I suppose you have heard from Anne or from Olga herself of the latter's engagement. It isn't announced yet but I suppose they wrote you. Very nice I think. Anne wants to go up and give the new brother-in-law an inspection but Theodore won't be able to g

I guess for some time he is so busy. He is looking better these days. Playing hand ball at noon seems to do him a great deal of good. Anne is getting to be an expert squash racquet-player but I don't think it is so good for her as hand ball is for Theodore. - but perhaps she was just tired when I saw her last.

Will have to stop and see about Peter.

maybe I'll have time to add something later - but again maybe not - so I'll say farewell now -

Tell Bogie her card was much appreciated.

Likewise yours . . .

lots of love -
madeleine.

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- Sears, Harold Bright
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- Sloane, John Eyre
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Sunday, April 19, 1931

Darling Mother and Father:

I'm lying out of doors writing this so you see that Spring has come! All the little hyacinths are popping in our terrace - the daffodils are yellow at the end of the grass alley - the lawn is being grubbed up - and George Ashley is coming out for supper - all signs that winter is over. And speaking of George - he has at last gone to see Mrs. Meigs at the head of the Arden galleries - something I've been at him to do for a year now - and they are so entranced with his work that they are giving him a one man show at the gallery!! I feel as though my favorite horse had won the Derby!

I forgot to tell you in my last letter that Michael is using his beautiful shawl every

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day because it is the most useful one he has - just the right weight and everything.

Miss Thornberry loves to dress him up and you would thoroughly approve of his appearance! He is much - much more immaculate than were the other babies - under their mother's care!

However I got a lot of fun out of taking care of them even if it was hard sometimes. Michael I have only on Mondays when the nurse goes out and I have invited everybody to come and see him then as I can do what I like.

Mary Anne's family theatre party was a great success. I think everybody had a good time and enjoyed the play. Uncle John took the train for Akron immediately afterwards so we brought Florence home -

Anne & Theodore got off to Boston last night

to inspect Olga's young man. That was a
cute letter she wrote you and doesn't she sound
happy! I do hope the youth is all he sounds
like. I think Mrs. Osterhout will be allright.
Anne says she has always wanted to travel.
and she probably will do that with some
friends for awhile. And she has the little
house at Quissett where the girls can come
+ visit her. I went up with Anne to the
place in the Park - their place I mean - the
other day and it certainly is a lovely spot.
The trees in their nursery are simply amazing.
You would never believe they were the same
little splinters they put in about two years
ago. I hope you do not feel too badly about
Theodore's resigning at the Lab. He looks
like a different person already. and even if
this thing he's doing proves a flat failure I think
it was the only thing for Theodore. He just has

to live his own life as he sees it.

Charles and Carolyn have been much occupied with some Italian Baron that Charles met on the boat and who was here only a short time. We did not meet him but he is said to be very attractive. We don't see C. + C. very much so I can't tell you much of their news but they looked very fit at Mary Anne's party.

John is getting more and more involved in politics. He likes it and seems to be able to do it well. He has just been made member-at-large of the Republican County Committee and is very active about a lot of local and state affairs. It is quite interesting and promises to be more so all the time. We will probably entertain the Republican candidate for Governor in the near future - either with a dinner or a reception or both - I just sit by and do what I'm told and just hope to be told at least a couple of days in advance of the impending event. The Orange Flower Show - the Garden Club of America meeting on Long Island, and the Republican excitement all comes about the same ~~time~~ so the Sloane household will be in a ferment. Probably the maids will all leave just to complete the picture. I am staying with Alice in N.Y. during the Long Island thing which lasts three days - you visit gardens from morn till dewy eve and at the end of the day you are about ready to be carried out on a shutter but its lots of fun. There is a big buffet luncheon at Mrs. Harold Pratt's place and an evening reception at Mr. Clarence Mackay's. As you have no time to change your clothes the ladies present an unusually brilliant appearance at these evening functions.

we are about to change Michael into his big crib as he's getting terribly long for the little one - and mother you should see what he has done to its silken sides!! He is a little roughneck if ever there was one - wouldn't you know it when we all spent our time wishing femininity on him? He has clawed the silk to ribbons and it certainly will have to be relined for the great grandchildren! Why do you say in such a fatalistic tone that Imogene is awaiting her "fifth boy" I'll bet a cookie it will be a girl - Probably I could do it the fifth time - not that I'm thinking of trying -

Michael just got another cup from his English godfather Uncle Ned Eyre. It is enormous and will do much better as a beer mug. It is over one hundred years old and really stunning but no baby

Could we manage it So far as I can see - and Michael's hands are about as big as they come!

I told you, didn't I, that we are sending the three older boys to camp and are staying here ourselves with Baby! So perchance we will see a little of you — Please come home as soon as you can.

Molly was painting all the porch furniture when I was over there yesterday.

Lots and lots of love —

Madeleine.

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- Greble, Edwin St John, Jr
- Eyre, Edward
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[ca April 1931]

Darling Mother and Father:

This has been something of a hectic week as John suddenly developed a very bad case of grippe on Sunday night and has been sick all week. Up now but feeling very limp. He got too hot the first night and got up and wandered around getting clean pajamas etc. with the result that he acquired Tonsilitis on top of the grippe. Wednesday night we were giving a dinner in New York before the Stokowski thing at the Metropolitan so I had to get Charlie to substitute as host and drive our car in and out with guests I had promised to Transport.

I hope you didn't mind my retrieving the tickets for that as I wouldn't have missed it for anything. We had the dinner at the Bryn Mawr Club – that being cheaper than anywhere else with the least vestige of elegance – and I tried to ask people who would really enjoy the thing. Think I succeeded pretty well and the "Oedipus Rex" was stunning. The ballet "Pas D'Acier" was interesting and not nearly so ugly as last year. but the first thing was worth the price of admission – Beautiful and beautifully done. Mme. Matzenauer sang the principal part with fervor – Stokowski always seems to get all his former loves working for him with apparent enthusiasm after a few more years I think it would be cute to have an orchestra or something composed of all his ex-wives and girl friends. He'll probably have quite a respectable collection — given a little more time. .

Friday night we had tickets with Anne and Theodore for "Grand Hotel" which we've been trying to get for weeks and weeks. Charlie again substituted for John and we went to a funny Swedish restaurant for dinner where everybody but Theodore jumps up and helps themselves to a succession or more or less terrible Swedish hors'd'oeuvres (how do you spell that anyhow?). Theodore takes a straight respectable dinner.

Anne and I went to the Architectural Show in the late afternoon before meeting the boys and it was so interesting that it was seven o'clock before we knew it. Most people

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thinks it is a poor show this year but they have a really wonderful exhibition from Sweden of recent and ancient work over there and I was also much interested in the models of old Mexican and Mayan temples and things. It made me want to go to Mexico more than ever.

Anne + Theodore have just come back from Boston where they inspected Olga's young man and found him thoroughly to their liking. They had been up every night for about four nights Wednesday so were not feeling too brilliant by the time they got to the play. Theodore in fact, decided that he preferred some of the efforts at the Lyceum in East Orange. Well, as he says, everyone to his taste said the old woman as she kissed the cow. To me it was a brilliant play. brilliantly done except for the instability of the scenery which would wobble slightly in the more passionate moments. They have a revolving stage and take you from one room to another of the hotel in the most amazing succession of scenes - using the movie technique of "black-out". To me it was an intensely interesting evening, although I felt as if I'd had the tonsilitis myself when we started.

Uncle John came up yesterday to look at our floor as he is preparing to buy one for you at Glenmont - Ours is much too light and inadequate for your needs however -

The children are fine except Peter who seems a little under par - I don't know exactly why - The older boys are excited over their mounted Troop - They are all going to West Point two weeks from yesterday and next week General Andrews of The Regular Army is presenting them with their chevrons. I hope both boys have a chance to become officers and I think they have. Ted was rated third in the troop last Saturday. He is considered one of the best riders and really does ride extremely well. He and Eddie Freble, Florance Colgate's son - have become great pals - Both boys seem to pick nice friends for which I am extremely thankful - Peter I think will be the problem in that line as he gets enthusiasms - in which I must say I cannot always join.

I must finish a letter of thanks to Uncle Ned for a gigantic silver cup he sent to Michael. It looks like a container for the nourishment of a young giant - well it's over a hundred years old and they say there *were* giants in those days! -

Ever so much love.

Madeleine.

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- Edison, Charles
- Route 10 (West Orange)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Merck, George
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
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Llewellyn Park
West Orange, New Jersey

May 4, 1931.

Darling Mother and Father -

Didn't get my letter written to you over the week end so I must hustle to get it in before the week engulfs me. I have just had a luncheon for our old Skylark Club - every one there but Marie who had just come home from Hot Springs and felt she couldn't depart again so soon from home and family. Elmina is here from Florida and Marjorie Browning from her home in California, so it was quite a reunion - The only day they could all come was the day all the maids are out so I decided to go ahead anyway.

I got Henry (for the first time this year) and Veronica and Kathryn of course were coming anyway. I purchased most of the food already prepared by Woman's Exchange and The Nutshell so it just had to be warmed up and prepared. I have never had a more peaceful party. The waitress I have is simply impossible and has hysterics generally if I have more than three people - I am only keeping her till the boys get off to camp and it was fine to have her out of the way.

The Baby's nurse is acting up a bit and I may have to change her - She is very good but a complete crab. I trust nothing happens however until I get in my week of Garden Club activities on Long Island. We are due to start on the 18th for a week of touring gardens. Alice and I and another friend are to stay at The Piping Rock Club which

ought to be fun and I hope will be.

Charles and Carolyn, Anne and Theodore and Florence and the children all paid us a visit yesterday. The last named I did not see as they came in the morning when we were out. Anne is going to address the Civic Committee of the Woman's Club (I think it is) on the subject of Route 10 - as everybody is getting heated over the subject as usual. The Public Hearing in Newark is on the 21st and somebody will probably be killed in the melée. Anne was getting some dope from John to tell the ladies. George Merck has been making things very uncomfortable trying to save some land he bought at the top of the mountain and which he wants to put in the Park as it would be of great advantage in selling it - Of course it is unfortunate we have to have the road at all but there is no stopping that - and it has to go through somebody's land. He is making it out that it will be a tremendous detriment to the

Park and really it has nothing to do
with it.

Mrs. Merck had a tea the other day for Miss Moore
of the Community House – Why - I can't imagine except
that I suppose it has to be done every so often.
I am sending you under separate cover one of the
announcements of George's Exhibition. I saw most of
the things the other day and they are very interesting
not at all like ours but most unusual. I really
hope he has started at last. I am sending out
some of the cards to worth while conoisseurs like
yourself with a few words by me urging their
attendance. I do hope he sells some of the
things – both because it might encourage him and
also because he owes me $165.00
Hazel Edison Farrel wrote me the other day and asked
you and Cousin Edith and me to lunch with her and her
mother at Pierre's this week. I replied that as you
were in Fort Myers Fla. you must be counted out
but that the rest of those invited would be charmed
The food at the new Pierre's is said to be beyond word
awful and I long to take them around the corner
to the Marigny but I guess it wouldn't be polite and
I'll just have to eat my lunch before I go.
I suppose you know that Vic departed for Bermuda just
like that –!! lots of love. Madeleine

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Sloane, Thomas Edison
- Sloane, John Edison
- Sloane, Michael Edison
- Sloane, Alice Eyre (Mrs T. O'Conor)
- Sloane, Thomas O'Conor
- Von Hofe, Frederick H
- Cozzens, Sarah Hervey (Mrs Stanley T.)
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Bodell, Joseph James
- Horsey, Henry
- Merck, George Willliam
- Route 10 (West Orange)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
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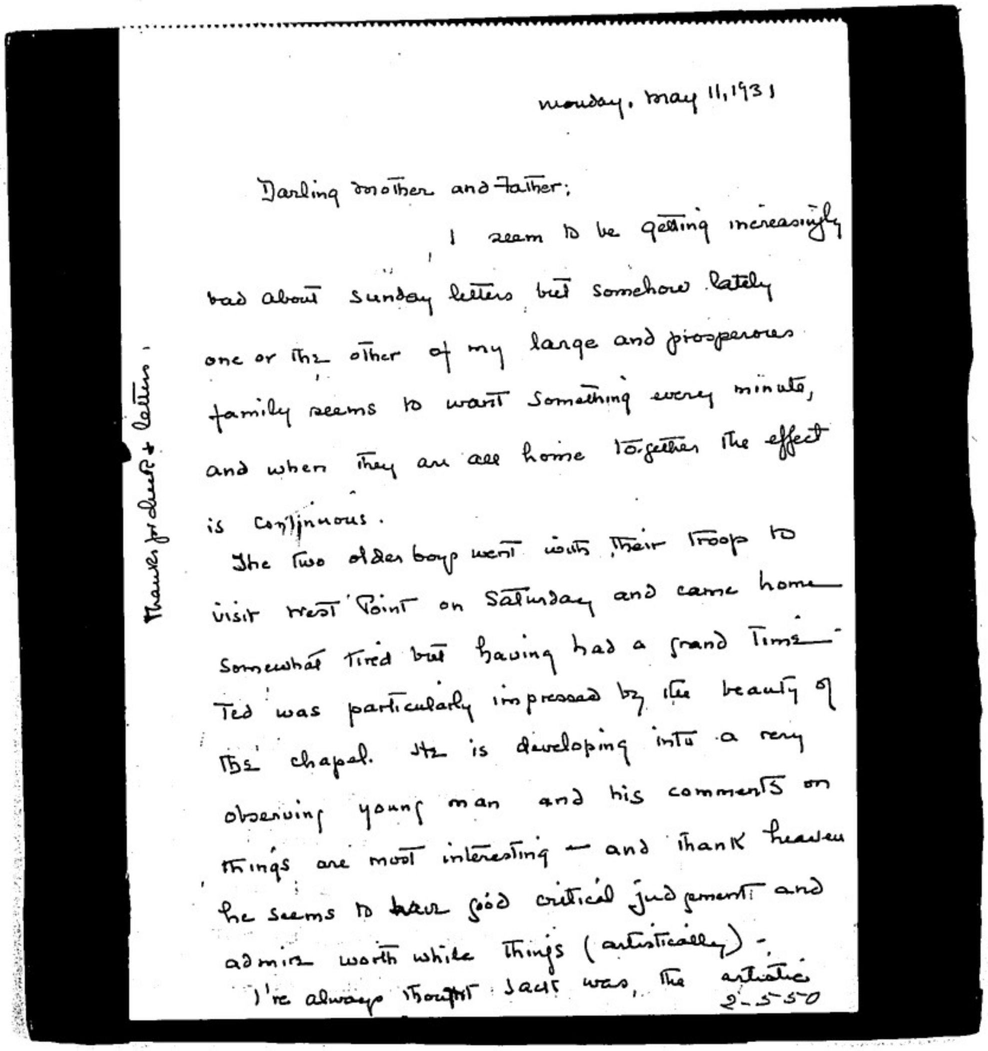

Monday, May 11, 1931

Darling Mother and Father;

I seem to be getting increasingly bad about Sunday letters but somehow lately one or the other of my large and prosperous family seems to want something every minute, and when they are all home together the effect is continuous.

The two older boys went with their troop to visit West Point on Saturday and came home somewhat tired but having had a grand time— Ted was particularly impressed by the beauty of the chapel. He is developing into a very observing young man and his comments on things are most interesting — and thank heaven he seems to have good critical judgement and admire worth while things (artistically).
I've always thought Jack was the artistic

Thanks for check + letters.

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one and I'm delighted that Ted is showing sound taste, too.

It has been a fairly strenuous week as Monday was my luncheon - which went off very peacefully - Tuesday was the Garden Club with a luncheon at the Rock Spring and visits to various gardens in the afternoon. Annie gave us a talk on the work she has been doing in the "Clean up - Spruce up" Campaign - and introduced another idea for a "Yard and Garden" contest to be staged next. She is certainly working hard and the results so far have been most satisfying. She speaks very well and very easily and makes a very good impression. I am so sorry I wasn't born more civically minded. I think I would have been so much more of a pleasure to my family all through life - but I guess I can't help my feelings and all I can do is just grin and bear it while the rest of the family straightens out the town.

Mother Sloane was asked to run for Freeholder on the Democratic Ticket but she decided against it. However she told Father Sloane that if it wasn't for the fact that she was a little blind and a little deaf she would be very much tempted to run. His rejoinder was: "Thank God you are a little blind and a little deaf" — well. I feel somewhat that way myself but have concluded that it does no good and I might as well climb on the band wagon — however wearily!

We have just learned that after all the work John and various others have done to get Route 10 lined up the way we think it would be least objectionable — the Highway Commission is going ahead to recommend the same plan they had three years ago — cutting through the hat factory and up very close to the Frenay's, Brighams and Carters — John's committee got hold of the alignment and now they have to hustle to get something done before May 21st which is the final hearing on the subject. I imagine it will be a grand fight. John has been working to have the town of West Orange itself protest about taking any of the Park, rather than have Llewellyn Park protest as a separate unit. George Merck's meddling has embarrassed him quite a little in that regard, particularly as George did not explain himself fully and went ahead as if nobody had done anything. He simply doesn't understand that things exist until they come in contact with him. Quite a usual failing I suppose.

Anyway John now has to rush around doing what he can to save the ship. He has one idea that I think is grand and that is to have the town pass an ordinance limiting the use of dynamite in blasting which would cramp their style considerably in building the road. The Garrison's were here Saturday for tea and they say that Route 10 has simply devastated the village of Whippany - All the trees along the road taken down and the houses moved back. It is a pleasing prospect and these state engineers are simply ruthless about everything.

John I think looks very badly and I wish to goodness he could get off and have a little rest and pleasure. Business of course is not in an encouraging state and all the men look as if they were seeing ghosts most of the time.

Uncle John just telephoned and seems to have enjoyed Bermuda. He certainly needed the outing and I hope really got some good out of it. He and Florence are worried about the paint in your room - not being exactly the same as before. maybe it isn't but I went over to look at it and thought it was quite a nice color. The stiple shows a bit more than it did which you may not like, but on the whole I thought it looked well.

Has the Stout baby come yet? You haven't mentioned the event but I thought it was imminent.

This Friday we expect to go to the Bodells in Providence which will be interesting as I haven't seen their new house and have heard so much about it. Then Monday I go off on the Garden Club excursion, leaving John to the Primaries and Route 10. It seems awful not to be on hand to vote for my husband the first time his name appears on the ballot but as he is unopposed probably he won't need my vote. Then Friday, next week, when the Garden Club is over John is driving down to Long Island to meet me and we go to Addison Van Tines

for that week-end. It will make quite a
trip for me altogether, but with miss Thornberry
here I think things will go along allright, and
John will be here off and on during the week. I
am letting her go off three days this week to
prepare for the ordeal-and probably michael
will be completely spoiled from my motherly care.
However its the only chance I get to enjoy the
young man -

Mrs. Cozzens and mrs. Valentine came up to see him
yesterday as mrs. Cozzens was out here. She seems
quite feeble and John said he has to hoist her
into the car.

Henry (Horsey) did very well for me at the luncheon
and seemed pleased to come. I asked him point
blank why he was so disagreeable to you and
he said things were not "right" down there owing
as far as I could make out - to mrs. Stevens.
He seems to have it in for her. Do you

happen to know what the tragedy is. about his daughter's marriage? I said something about it and his face became utterly rigid and he said "I'd rather not talk about it" —

Jack's and Peter's reports have just come in the mail. Peter's is all A – s and Jack hasn't a mark below 90 – except deportment which is 85. Three of his subjects are 95 and the rest 90.

They are all getting excited about camp and the job of buying three outfits promises to keep me busy for a while. Such awful things to buy! flannel shirts and flannel sheets and spiked shoes and what not! I do hope they all have a good summer and that Peter won't be homesick. I am a little afraid he may be.

Must telephone Dr. Von Hofe and make an appointment for Michael's monthly looking over. It is an afternoon of merry music generally for all the infants scream at the top of their lungs!

Lots of love. Madeleine.

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- McAneny, George A
- Sloane, John Edison
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- Edison, Theodore Miller
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- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)

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[ca June 1-10, 1931]

Llewellyn Park
West Orange, New Jersey

Darling Mother and Father:

I seem to have missed last week altogether in writing and I'm sorry but things move so rapidly that the week-end went by before I realized it and if I don't get a letter in on Saturday or Sunday it is fatal. I trust young Michael's picture will make up for my lapse - The boys are through their school, and passed all examinations well. Jack graduated from the lower School

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with Honorable mention - standing second in the class! We went over to the exercises and saw forty-three very good looking youngsters get their diplomas. They are a nice bunch - very clean cut, wholesome looking boys. Every year they award the distinction of "Head Boy" to the member of the class whom the faculty thinks is most outstanding - award is made for three things: Scholarship, Athletics, + leadership. This was awarded to a boy named Young - with John Edison Sloane second in the running. We were none of us expecting anything like that - (Jack said he nearly fainted) and of course Jack's parents were not at all pleased!! He isn't so strong on athletics of course and since that counts I suppose he could not hope to win on that but I was quite satisfied. Ted passed all his exams well and has certificate standing in all 3 but Latin. He is going to tutor a bit in that during the summer and that ought to get him through next year with flying colors.

We will be delighted to accept your invitation to dinner on the seventeenth and I would like you mother, to hold the eighteenth open for me until I communicate with you further on the subject. John expects to have a meeting of the Committee on Regional planning out here that night and will probably have George McAneny here for dinner. We thought we would have one or two others and go down to the meeting afterwards. Would be delighted to have Father too but I don't suppose it would interest him.

I want to warn you that between your arrival and the boys' departure on the 29th I shall probably be as busy as a bird dog and will give you a warm welcoming kiss as I plunge into a sea of flannelette sheets, ponchos, fishing tackle name tapes - sweaters, flashlights, socks, pajamas etc. etc. I am trying to assemble the stuff gradually but there is bound to be a week or two of intensive accumulation - not to mention distribution. After the first of July I shall hope to see you often.

We had a dinner party last night for ten - the Bottomes. Kahns, Walkers, and a friend of theirs - At six o'clock Lilly telephoned She had a temperature and had to go to bed and as I had arranged two tables of bridge it was up to me to get a single, bridge playing lady between six and 7:45. That was intense if you ask me! Luckily Eph Williams is on a fishing trip and I was able to get Emily, who plays a very good game, so the country was saved. John and I played Backgammon but as we had been up till past one at the Duffields' dance the night before — the same sort of lagged. However we were able to relax comfortably in the study while the guests were hard at it in the living rooms. It was twelve before they left so we are a bit limp to-day with two successive evenings of dissipation — However it does you good

once in a while. As Ed Duffield said — he thought it was time something was done for the socially unemployed — Everybody is so depressed around here — They have almost forgotten how to have any fun.

Charles and Carolyn must be with you by this time. I hope your lovely weather will last and that you will all have a grand time. Weather is certainly curious up here. Florence and the children got off yesterday with four minutes to spare at the Train. Uncle wanted John and me to play golf with him this morning but it rained and anyway we could never have staggered around the course. He is apparently taking up golf in a serious way with lessons and everything. I think I'll do

The Same.

Had a very nice evening at Theodore's the other night. Anne had a birthday cake for me and all the trimmings I thought it was very sweet of her. Theodore played and I yapped some songs and the rest of the party talked about Route 10. and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The house seems to be getting all straightened out and things getting ready for your approach. Bogie, I think, looks a great deal better than she did.

We are certainly looking forward to having you home - Michael is getting teeth to celebrate, and sleeps hardly at all in the daytime so he doesn't look quite so flourishing at present as he did a while back. However he still gains so maybe he is just taking after Grandpa and abolishing all but the necessary slumbers during the darkest hours.

Lots of love from us all - to you all -

Madeleine -

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[ca August 1931] Monday. Dark Harbor Maine

Darling Mother -

One of your letters or telegrams must have got lost somewhere for we had no idea Father was so ill. When we arrived here a letter was waiting which said Father had a cold - then next day came a telegram almost repeating what the letter said. It did not sound alarming except that a hard cold in the summer is not cheerful at best - but we didn't think much about it until we got a wire from you after several days saying - you were much relieved - Father better etc. sounding as if he had been very sick. Next day your Special Delivery arrived. It is very unsatisfactory telephoning but at least it makes you seem a bit nearer.? We expect to leave here on Wednesday. Going down to Boston on the Bangor Boat and arriving there Thursday morning early. Our telephone number at Ostimee is Cotuit - 310 Ring 3. Connection there is better at night I think.

We are planning to come home to Orange about the 8th or thereabouts but if there is anything I can do - I am perfectly well and able to do it - and I can come down + go back and fetch the children or we can all come home earlier. Please don't think I'm an invalid any longer because I am perfectly hale + hearty. I am thankful it is cool down there. The weather is unusually warm for Maine and we thought perhaps you were getting another heat wave

It is very peaceful up here except when the youthful Joan holds conversations with somebody at the end of the pier from the front porch. Father and mother Sloane are here now and we sail or I watch John and Alice play golf or we have exciting bouts of croquet. Went up day before yesterday to Castine which is a beautiful little harbor - to see an old schooner Alice thought she would buy and anchor off the point here fixed up as a guest house. When we got there found it somewhat of a wreck and about two city blocks long, so she decided to look farther.

Miss Y. Cary has done a very good portrait of Arthur - and also did somebody else.

up here before she left for England.

Yesterday Mr. Stotesbury from Philadelphia came over to see it with a view to having her do him so business is looking up for her.

I had hoped we could have an all day picnic to Monhegan in Alice's boat but it seems it's a very long trip and they are not anxious to take the boat out into the open ocean so I guess that will fall through. John has the sail up so I'll have to go and get ready. I do hope Father will continue to improve and you will not get all tired out again yourself – Please keep us informed & if there is anything we would be useful for let us know – lots & lots of love to you both.

Madeleine.

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- Bredt, Jessie Heath (Mrs E. Arthur)
- Garden Club of the Oranges
- Macbeth, Robert Walker
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Miller, Lewis, II

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[March 1931] /

MRS. JOHN E. SLOANE
LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Darling mother.

We have just come back from dining at mother Sloane's to celebrate her birthday and those of Peter and Ted. She had forgotten them completely so they all had a joint birthday cake and "mad march hares" in the form of Easter rabbits at each place.

I am feeling pretty well again though I am still keeping myself rather quiet. managed to totter in to the Flower Show Friday and win a second prize with your geraniums arranged in a New Mexican Shepherd's pot.

My model I finished after a fashion before going to the Hospital and John took it in gingerly on the front seat

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of the car where it seems to have caused a near riot when the judges got to it. They argued for an hour and a half because one of the judges wanted to give it first prize and the other two wanted one of the other models. Neither side would give an inch and my friend said it was too good for second prize and he wouldn't insult it by giving it third and the only way he would consent to its not being given first was if they would give it a special badge of merit - which they did. It must have been rather amusing and I'm sorry I didn't hear the discussion.

Jess substituted for me in two classes

I had entered and got a second prize in one of them so on the whole my being under the weather wasn't so serious. It seems to me something always goes wrong at Flower Show time either with me or the family.

The enclosed letter was sent me from Bob Macbeth to forward to you. He seems to be quite worried because he feels that your pictures need some extra repairs which will exceed his estimate and that you will think he is advocating same to bolster up his business or something. He seems to think the extra work is absolutely necessary and it would be a mistake not to have it done while the pictures are there. The estimate, I gather, is considerably higher than what he told you. though he is handling the job for you at cost.

I went down to Smith's about the Easter flowers and he says he got a letter from you about it. Atkinson does not

think it will be possible to put in the
ivy and pansies just now on account
of weather conditions - We will have the
lilies and I thought of using some
heather among the evergreen on the
grave and perhaps a touch of it in
the wreathes. It is lovely heather and
would give a soft touch of color - I hope
you will like that idea. I will go over
to-morrow to see how the evergreen looks.
up to now it has been cold + raw - to-day
however is beautiful, so you can't tell what
it will be like in another week.

Michael has been a little peevish this last
week and we wondered why until we
discovered he has suddenly sprouted
six teeth. Talk about the crocuses!

John has not been feeling at all well -
I think he is tired out and has a

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nasty cold. Jack has had one too but is all right again.

The Yardleys are giving a dance at Mrs. Jenkins' on the second of April. I believe it is to be an old fashioned cotillion. Of course we won't go as it is too big a party. Mr. Scheerer had to be operated on in Venice for appendicitis and has been very ill. He and Mrs. Scheerer were on one of those cruises and he had to be taken off the boat. Peritonitis set in after the operation. - He is better now the last reports say. Paul Scheerer has gone over to be with them -

Did I tell you I am in the Cosmopolitan Club? Mrs. Norton was at luncheon last Wednesday when I went in to see Mrs. Thompson. You know she lived in Lake Forest quite a while and knows Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Martin (whom Mrs. T. was visiting) very well. Mrs. Thompson does not seem to have changed much - in fact she looked

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LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

younger than the last time I saw her. She says Julie's oldest little daughter is a case and told several very amusing stories about her. One night she (Mrs. T.) did something to little Julie that the young lady did not like - reproved her for something I think - and next day Julie asked her grandfather at breakfast - "Grandfather - do you consider Grandmother a *loveable* woman?" —

Julia senior seems to be fine but poor - She hopes to be able to scrape enough carfare together for them all to come East to Annisquam this summer so I may see her - although they always seem to go straight to Boston so I may not.

I must see what the family is up to. There is an ominous quiet – Ever so much love mother dear

and a happy Easter –

Madeline.

P.S. I haven't heard a word about Lewis. Do you mean — They have a small daughter?